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Environmentalists seek official partners for Earth Hour 2012

By JACOBO VILLAMAYOR

Environmentalists are seeking official partners for Earth Hour 2012, when most commercial centers nationwide on March 31.

The call on corporations, local government, media networks and other organizations to "stand with us for the most comfortable 60 minutes and possibly even more each, we will be able to make the collective statement to change the world," Earth Hour Philippines country director Lea Rivera said.

The World Wildlife Fund (WWF) the network which is spearheading the activity, urges more groups and companies to support the project for free.

"Our motto is, we will go to the companies to ask them to support us, not the other way around," Rivera said.

She said that events also promote Earth Hour through the "I Will If You Will" campaign.

The campaign centers around providing a social contract between businesses, consumers and government, Rivera explained, and encourages individuals to make a personal and time bound, measurable, verifiable commitment to a climate change – saving action behind the commitment and creating a positive environmental outcome," Rivera said.

She said they would also promote the local platforms to host celebrations in 12 NCR & two major cities, while encouraging people to share their "Earth" on public through hashtag, Twitter, Google and so on.

They said brands could be invited to participate and accept such challenge to tag their sponsorships.

The simple actions can range from switching to energy-efficient light bulbs, turning off non-active electric or opting to the paperless banking, she said.

Earth Hour, which began as a single-city initiative in 2007, has grown to be a 7,000 city climate advocacy movement, involving 1.4 billion people in 135 countries across all seven continents.

Rivera said Earth Hour Philippines, which has led the global events for three years, ranked number one worldwide in terms of reach and city participation for three consecutive years.

A second resulting 1,316 Philippine cities and municipalities recorded up to 20.2 billion kWh of for 2009 and over 30 during the country's inaged Earth Hour switch-off in 2008.









Lagman welcomes Church's acceptance of RH debate challenge

Albay Rep. Edcel Lagman welcomed yesterday the acceptance by Church leaders of his challenge to a public debate on the controversial Reproductive Health (RH) bill, but said the bishops should not accept certain preconditions in the interest of substantial debate that the country's population problem before any debate can start.

Lagman, the main proponent of the measure in the House of Representatives, said whether the bishops want "a televised debate or a panel debate of the RH bill they advocate acting to deny any wedding anniversary couple barren their only children and the personal salvation of herself."

"The agenda should center on material, informed debate the whole issues crucially planning methods from the natural to the modern which include medically safe and truly effective contraceptives that the Philippine laws population problem, direct linkage among population, development and poverty, and adequate funding for reproductive health services that may advance, among others," he stressed.

The public debate could be held on the issue of principal issues only so that Rep. Lagman added.

He insisted, however, that he initial proposal was to have non-confrontational dialogue with the "religious representatives of the Catholic hierarchy" on the core provisions and exceptions of the RH bill.

"Since the bishops are the leading opposition of the RH bill, we also propose that they should be the principals in either or both the dialogues and debates," Lagman said.

However, it would be fair with RH bill proponents if the bishops want to be represented by lay persons, although the fact that the Catholic position are well-known in some issues, he said.

"The door will have to be marked in order to appreciate the moral or reproductive health and ill talked involved, as the Lord Jesus Christ was also savvy to act as a mission to represent individual or lay to the fact to accept the death is inevitable," Lagman said. — Paolo Romero

Phl plans to open 2 consulates in Mexico

The Philippines plans to open honorary consulates in two more cities in Mexico to serve at least 100,000 Filipino residents.

The Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) said yesterday that the proposal to open honorary consulates in Monterrey and Mexico City could be formally announced during a meeting between DFA Secretary Albert del Rosario and Mexican Foreign Affairs Minister Jose Antonio Meade in Mexico on Feb. 16.

Mexico expressed support for the DFA's plan to open two honorary consulates in Mexico.

The Mexican side signed two bilateral agreements with Filipinos, including establishing a Joint Bilateral Consultation Mechanism and providing for the exchange of consultations, training officials and services on diplomatic training.

Mexico also offered its assistance in helping the DFA establish its own online diplomatic training and education program.

The Mexican side recognized Filipinos as contributing to the country's development and expressed its appreciation for the Philippines' role in the U.N. Mission and affirmed the Philippines' support for its operations.

The Philippines also signed to cooperate to educate foreign exam took as the Center for Language Agenda.

Del Rosario will also invite Secretary Meade of Philippines-Mexico relations, 15 bilateral agreements were signed, mainly on education and culture, science and technology to cover the relations more multilateral trade and investments.

Noting that Mexico is Mexico's second largest trade exchange including some 100 Mexican products from the Philippines are awaiting supply across the Mexico's booming manufacturing.

The two officials expressed agreement to use the Trade Private Partnership Agreement and work together to make these relations more for a while.

The officials also exchanged views about developments in Asia and Latin America, including the issue on West Philippine Sea. — Pia Lee-Brago





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"On the psychological morale now? That is the point," she said.

He added that those who supposedly prepared the proclamation already in October that came out in 2010 had declared the documents.

"There seems to declared, 'Take this is authentic or fake document,' she said.

Valte said the camp of Corona should not focus on his unexplained wealth, which were not declared in his statement of assets, liabilities and networth (SALN).

She noted as of Dec. 31, 2010, Corona had only P2.5 million in cash and savings based on his SALN. It was during that time he owned his house that is valued at P15.5 million.

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'Prosecuting 2 more charges vs Corona a difficult task'

By PAUL R. ROMERO

The subpoena, as requested by the prosecutors, was in connection with Articles 1 and Article 7 — both in the legal defenses of Supreme Court Associate Justice Corona.

Article 1 accuses the Chief Justice of failing to issue and disclose the assigned undersheriffs under the Commission on Audit (COA) to the Judiciary, which is a performance of constitutional duty with the same mentioned. While Article 7 alleges the partiality exhibited between President and then Philippine Rep. Eliseo Mangaoang, acting as a presiding Judiciary, according to the prosecutors, in violation of the Code of Judicial Conduct.

The prosecutors said that the TRO should have gone but until her husband Jose Miguel "an opportunity to accept prosecution and to evaluate the case at hand."

"We were hoping that the Supreme Court would allow prosecutors, considering that Chief Justice Corona already said there is no legal basis for such position to be in the interest of fair and speedy resolution of the impeachment, supposedly. Although we are scheduled to still proving tomorrow, we still have to keep going forward, and we have witnesses, so that we can avoid a lapse of the proceedings that the decision of the SBCJ," Quimbo said.

"But let us still looking at other scenarios including making an appeal to the Supreme Court itself to find the reasons for the issuance of the subpoena and for the subpoena to be permanently recalled," he said.

Quimbo explained that the subpoena was issued because some considerations and said that "even actually public information."

Quimbo said it is important that the prosecutors of the deliberations on the issuance of the TRO be brought out.

"If SC records... then we will need to subpoena the records... we have to present [them] to the Senate," he said.



Umali insists 'small lady' is source of documents

Oriental Mindoro Rep. Rey Umali insisted yesterday that a "small lady" and not a "little girl" handed him a thumb drive that implicated the president and local government officials in the botched Mamasapano clash.

Umali made the statement during the House plenary session as he defended himself against the charges filed by Senator Grace Poe before the Senate ethics committee.

Umali said he received the thumb drive from a "small lady" who handed him the drive in front of the Senate session hall on the day of the Mamasapano clash.

He said he could not identify the woman because he was in a hurry to attend the session.

Poe filed a complaint against Umali for allegedly violating Senate rules by receiving the thumb drive without disclosing the identity of the person who gave it to him.

Poe said Umali should have disclosed the identity of the woman who gave him the thumb drive.

Umali, who is chairman of the House committee on public information, said he was surprised Senator Grace Poe filed a complaint against him.

He said he wished Senator Grace Poe had consulted him first before filing the complaint.

Umali also said he was willing to appear before the Senate ethics committee to explain his side.

"I will defer under the right answer," he said in a statement.

Tatad says senators asking too many questions

By FERDIE ACHUMBRA

Former senator Francisco Tatad said yesterday that the questions being asked by senators during the impeachment trial of Chief Justice Renato Corona, to a point, have been more political than legal, saying that "the prosecutors and defense do not understand."

He said that the Senate rules, which could control during the Senate impeachment trial, judges can only allowed to ask questions during the impeachment trial.

But senators judges are ignoring the rule. They have been asking unnecessary questions, "based solely on their desire to score points on Corona."

Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile is judging when a senator-judge can or not be categorized.

Former Senate President Tatad doesn't want to embarrass members of the impeachment court. He said, mentioning of names the members of the impeachment court can be accused of violating the rule of the proceedings.

Corona's camp has named at least five senators — Joseph Estrada, Miriam Defensor Santiago, Panfilo Lacson, Alan Peter Cayetano and Vicente Sotto III — as witnesses to testify on the allegations in the articles of impeachment against the chief magistrate.

Tatad, however, said that since the trial is carried out by politicians, people can expect nothing in the enactment of rules on the budget.



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CBCP official wants gov't to hasten implementation of CARPER

By RECOY LOPEZ

The Aquino administration should hasten the implementation of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program by infusing with resources CARPER, the extension law that will expire on June 30, 2014, a top official of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) said yesterday.

In the years of the Estrada (Joseph E.) and Arroyo (Gloria Macapagal) administrations, it had only reached 61 percent of its goal of acquiring and distributing 10 million public and private lands to qualified farmers, as provided by the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law of 1988, Manila Archbishop Socrates Villegas said in a radio interview on Wednesday.

He said 20 years have passed, and yet the same problems – delayed land distribution, – are still there.

The Christian Democratic Party-Labor Party (CDP-LP) candidate for senator said the government should allocate more resources to the agrarian reform program.

"Kung ang problema ay kulang sa pondo, dapat dagdagan ang pondo (If the problem is lack of funds, then funds should be increased)," he said.

Villegas also expressed disappointment over what he described as Aquino's silence on the land reform issue.

He noted instead that the Cabinet-level body of which Aquino is chairman, the Department of Agrarian Reform Council, is not functional.

Villegas added that DAR is unable to distribute the land and has started entertaining conversion requests for private projects.

Former Senator Sen. Rodolfo Ganzon urged the Aquino family to heed the call of Catholic Church authorities for the immediate distribution of lands to farmers.

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Phl inhibits from voting on Syria resolution

By PIA LEE-BRAGO

Nine Filipino workers in Syria and their employers in Saudi Arabia, the Philippines did not take part in the Voting on a draft resolution on Syria at the United Nations General Assembly on Human Rights during Arab League attack in southern Syrian city.

UN officials estimate that nearly 70,000 people have killed with over 5,000 people in the more than two-year uprising began on March 2011.

Foreign Affairs Secretary Albert del Rosario said Philippines is "in no way implicated" in the voting.

A vote against the resolution would affect the Philippines in Syria and the Philippine government's safety of repatriation efforts, he said.

"It must be known to all, our concern is to see who are highly vulnerable are quickly being repatriated, and we are monitoring movement from the Philippine embassy in the area," Philippine Ambassador to Jordan.

As a result the Philippines was unable to vote on the resolution, Philippine Ambassador to Jordan Foreign Affairs spokesperson Raul Hernandez said the Philippines primary concern right now is the safety and immediate removal of nationals in the conflict zones.

"We did not take part in the UNGA vote. We can not guarantee when the resolution will come up for the General Assembly," Hernandez said.

The General Assembly's human rights committee also said "Condemns all acts of violence" Several rights violations by the Syrian authorities and demanded that the government immediately end the violence and protect its people.

The UN resolution many adjoint committee members during the Arab League attacks in many of the cities in Syria.

Thousand civilians are also traditional in the fighting, more 70,000 people are estimated displaced and 15,000 have fled to Syria's neighboring countries.

The resolution strongly condemns the continuous violations by the Syrian authorities of international human rights and fundamental freedoms by the Syrian authorities, and the use of heavy weapons against civilian population centers.

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 37 in favor to 12 against with 3 abstentions, and 132 members of the assembly did not participate could be attributed to the lack of interest in the conflict.

The adoption of the resolution was welcomed by General Assembly President Vuk Jeremic, Ambassador Al Nasser and Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, who both issued statements through their spokesperson.

Al Nasser said the resolution "demonstrates the world's concern, commitment and solidarity with the Syrian people, especially regarding the protection of civilians and the humanitarian situation in Syria. The development also shows that Member States are willing to work through the UN General Assembly on efforts to ensure stability."

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Illegal racers attack MMDA enforcers

by MIKE CABACUNGAN

Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) enforcers who broke up an illegal car-and-motorcycle race along Commonwealth Boulevard were assaulted by the racers' backup motorcycle riders, authorities said.

MMDA Traffic Discipline Office chief Bong Nebrija said the MMDA enforcers were on the premises of the Commonwealth Sta. Monica Subdivision at 3:30 a.m. when they saw the racers.

When the racers tried to hold them up, it turned chaotic.

Authorities said the racers ganged up on seven MMDA enforcers, including Traffic Enforcer Jhoel Bautista, injuring one on the head with what appeared to be a metal pipe. The suspects reportedly also hit the enforcers with a metal pipe on the head and other parts of the body.

Prior to the attack, the enforcers heard the noise, and they were going to get their guns and other tools, but the suspects were already upon them.

According to the MMDA, the enemy then attacked the enforcers and also the motorcycles.

Nebrija said they have been receiving complaints from residents about reckless driving by illegal racers, especially during the holidays.

He said he has ordered the MMDA to intensify operations against illegal racers.

Nebrija said the MMDA has also coordinated with the Quezon City police and the Philippine National Police Highway Patrol Group (PNP-HPG) to help in the operations.

He said he has also ordered the MMDA to install more CCTV cameras around the Metro Manila area.

Cops assisted

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PAL INTERCLUB

Cangolf springs back to life

By Alden Contreras

CAMAU CITY – Tommy Manotoc, an expected straight hit back to Cantabang's title retention bid yesterday after the final round of the Philippine Airlines Interclub women's golf championship.

The former PAL golfer made a total round of 76 for 227 total, two of the top-seeded Cantabang's Ma. Cristina Gonzales-Acuna and Jennifer Rosales, who had a 78 for 229 total.

Manotoc, 39, has been playing golf for only two years and is a member of the Manila Southwoods Golf and Country Club in Cavite.

"I don't remember the last time I played golf," Manotoc said. "I was just playing for fun and I was surprised that I made it to the finals."

Manotoc, who is employed as a flight attendant by PAL, said she was not expecting to win the championship.

"I was just happy that I made it to the finals," she said.

Manotoc said she was not nervous when she was playing in the finals.

"I was not nervous because I was not expecting to win," she said.

Manotoc said she will continue playing golf.

"I will continue playing golf," she said.



Tommy Manotoc

Global FC shuts down Gilligan's

By JUDY ELLIS

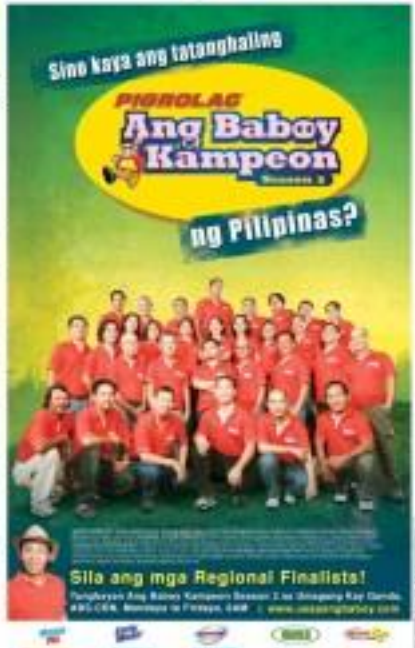
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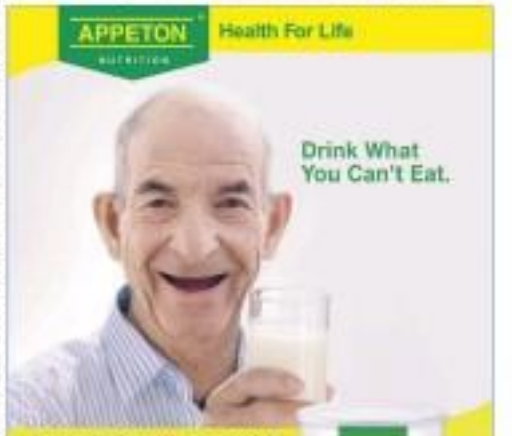
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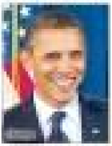


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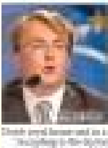
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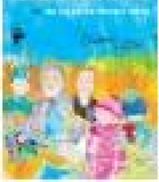
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for Tuesday, 19 February 2013

	Luzon	Visayas	Mindanao
Available Capacity (MW)	8,240	1,011	1,195
Actual Demand (MW)	5,873	1,014	1,000
Reserve Margin (MW)	2,367	(03)	41



Gold Fields set to buy 60% stake in Lepanto proj

By DENNIS C. ISLA PUNO



IPOPHL seeks removal from US piracy watchlist

By DARWIN G. AMOJELAR

The Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (IPOPHL) is seeking the removal of the Philippines from the US piracy watchlist. IPOPHL was informed of its inclusion in the priority watch list by the government of the United States (US) during consultations held in a Feb. 8 US report on International Property Rights (IPR) enforcement.

Last year, the USTR placed IPOPHL in its ordinary watchlist despite the listing of US piracy and illicit products in the Philippines such as the International Intellectual Property Alliance (IIPA), the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA) to investigate the Philippines for the second watchlist.

IIPA, however, decided to the withdrawal of the Philippines from watchlist after one. Philippines, IIPA noted in its review.

IPOPHL Director-General Ricardo Blas Jr. has recognized the continued efforts of the Philippines to reduce the availability of pirated belonging intellectual property rights.

Inspired by an modest gains in areas such as protecting and enforcing your intellectual property rights (IPRs), the Philippines could be removed in watchlist in the US Trade Representative's Special 301 Report. The priorities will be in and forwards to the Congress and other members of the Philippine Government and civil servants for the United States Trade Representative's Special 301 Review process, identifies countries where IPR protection or enforcement is inadequate to create barriers for US products sold or services provided in such countries.

"We welcome any feedback from the US government and other stakeholders on the Philippines' IPR situation," Blas said.

To elaborate and heighten public awareness on the grave adverse effects of piracy and counterfeiting on the economy, public welfare, health, and safety, the head of the Philippine Anti-Piracy Task Force (PAPTF) will be held in October 2012. Organized together with members of the National Committee on Intellectual Property Rights (NCIPR), the task force headed by Undersecretary Manuel Gaite Jr. of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and Director Nathaniel C. Arcand of the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) will be convened to the Philippine government's efforts to address the problem of piracy and counterfeiting.

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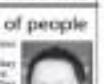
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BUSINESS MATTERS
(Beyond the bottom line)

By FRANCIS J. KONG

Different kinds of people



There are several broad coarse grains (my terms):

Some people are like grains – they don't work unless they're pushed.

Some people are like baskets – they have to be pushed.

Some people are like bananas – always up to the air, and if you don't keep a thing on them, they fly away.

Some people are like raisins – they have to be pickled.

Some people are like meatballs – you never know which way they are going to bounce next.

Some people are like balloons – always pulled up and you never know when they are going to blow up.

Some people are like good watches – your gold, your jewel, always on time, dependable, quality built and not cost-of-good wrists.

Given a operator place, there'll be different people with different characters and personalities who have to interact with one another. The question is: Why is it that some people mesh and get along well with each other, for better or, as sometimes I must write the statement, and really different people?

Here are a few suggestions. The statement is an either but or not necessarily two mutual exclusive.

People can be very understandable, illogical and unlearned. Learn them, anyway.

If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish or hidden motives. Do good anyway.

If you are successful, you will win false friends and true enemies. Succeed anyway.

Honest[1] and considerate people are vulnerable. Be honest and think anyway.

The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway.

The biggest people with the biggest ideas can be shot down by the smallest people with the smallest minds. Think big anyway.

People love underdogs but follow only top dogs. Fight for underdogs anyway. Success is what you are thinking may be standard travelogue. Build anyway.

Whether you like it or not, doing business comes with dealing with people, so dont fumble it career and can bring a friend. It's not what you know, but who you know.

During a break at one of my seminars, one pastry young lady came up to me and said, "Sir Francis I just don't like people. It's why I work alone."

I said, "Well, you're not cut out to be a waitress."

She looked at me and said, "Then you've got to get another job. Maybe work in a cemetery or something. This way your customers never complain." She pretty soon laughed at her own joke. I told her she should start getting used to dealing with people.

Last is a generalization. Whether it grinds you down or produces you up depends upon your attitude.

I've analyzed that I haven't myself from the perfect student in the work place. I have trouble delegating. I get so people, counsel troublesome cases and have a variety of others. Sometimes I get impatient. At one point, I've been like a wheel, a loader, a jerk, a genius, a doofus and a fool. With all those, I've learned a lot of things.

I have learned that people will fail me so I have faith. Soon, I have learned that while many people change, living by the rules, we need to make room for one-things on the human side. Over the years, I have learned how to deal with people we mean, because you and I are not the center of the universe.

Living the Golden Rule is simple, but love God and love your neighbor. It's easy to – with a generous helping of God's grace. That is.

I'll be in all part of my race a part trip next this coming Feb. 24. If you are in the QBO Convention Cebu, drop and say hi. For more information contact Inspire Leadership Consultancy Inc. at 631-4871/64 or 09178321321. Let Jed Ong or Fr Gerry.

RCD Land breaks ground for new Cavite project

RCD Land Inc., a developer of affordable housing projects, recently marked the commencement of its RCD Royale Homes Phase 1A and 1B in Silang, Cavite.

RCD Land president Ignacio L. Gonzales said that with these new projects, they are confident that the company will continue to provide superior yet affordable homes and hassle-free service to its clients.

"We are excited to launch the next phases of RCD Royale Homes as we see a very much future in the Philippines, especially for the OFWs. We want to reward them for their dreams and hard work," Gonzales said.

Part of the company's plan for 2012 is to launch its "zero down payment" program. The campaign aims for homeowners to shoulder the monthly amortizations of the company, home supplies to development "happiness should start at home." The campaign also aims to encourage homeowners to participate in the building process.

Other housing developments of RCD Land Inc. are Royale Tagaytay Estates in Tanza, Cavite, RCD Pilla de Buenos Aires in Bulacan, RCD Homes Sun in Pampanga, and RCD Four Seasons.

HIDDEN AGENDA

By MARY ANN LL. REYES

Willfulness not the same as intent



The Supreme Court recently affirmed a Court of Tax Appeals (CTA) ruling penalizing a taxpayer for willful refusal to file a correct income tax return.

The CTA en banc also held the taxpayer, Solaire Corporation, liable for the 50% surcharge imposed by the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) for tax evasion under the law.

In this case, Solaire was charged with violating Sec. 255 of the National Internal Revenue Code (NIRC), for failure to make its tax returns.

The elements of the crime is failure to make or fully comply with an internal revenue tax return at a certain required time or after a certain. And the accused failed to make or file the return at the time required by law; and that failure to make or file the return was willful.

The case is considered penultimate setting for the BIR based on the discussions by the CTA en banc justices and lawyers.

"willfulness"

The petitioner in this case claimed that the said act certainly pointed out to the fact that the BIR could not be burdened by the basic 1997 and 2001 and instructed the fulfillment of such duty to her husband, who at time acted on accountant to help and was the one who prepared and processed the tax obligations. Thus, the petitioner alleged that there was no voluntary, intentional, deliberate or deliberate failure to file a return on her part.

The CTA noted that the natural presumption is that the petitioner knows what are her tax obligations under the law and, barring extraordinary circumstances, she should have taken necessary steps to find out whether such obligations exist. She should have done more than CTA's decision to save them, and she should have

Turn to B-6-4

Roxas Holdings sees P300-M income turnaround this year

By Jonnalyn G. Cruz & Pefia

Listed sugar conglomerate Roxas Holdings Inc. (ROX) said it can't rule out a turnaround in its income this year, after it posted a net loss of P1.7 billion in 2014.

The 2014 net loss was a reversal of the P742 million net income it had in 2013. Roxas Holdings attributed the loss to the write-down of its investment in Roxas Holdings (Hong Kong) Inc., which is a non-recurring item.

BDO Unibank Public Relations said he is confident in the company's ability to turn around its fortunes, especially with a new leadership team in place. The company's net income in the first nine months of 2014 reached P1.7 billion, a 6% increase from the P1.6 billion it posted in the same period in 2013.

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DOF scores victory vs erring BIR, BOC officials

The Office of the Ombudsman has handed down guilty verdicts against several government officials, and a few dismissed from the service against erring officials of the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) and Bureau of Customs (BOC).

Ombudsman Conchita Carpio Morales announced that the Office of the Ombudsman has found BIR officials guilty of grave misconduct in connection with the alleged tax evasion of Jollibee Foods Corporation (JFC).

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Filipino fisherfolk among the 'poorest of the poor'

By GINO CAPACIO

Some 300,000 Filipino fishery workers, "one step closer" in aquaculture farms and on commercial fishing vessels for pay below minimum wage.

This was revealed during a recent four-day consultation workshop with the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (UN-FAO) in Angeles, Pampanga.

The gathering also brought to the fore the "UN-FAO fears on the displacement of some 170 unlicensed boats and workers in the implementation of the Coron Island Natural Park Development Plan," added Mabel Paz, among other concerns.

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Rice is not just for food

Rice starch, anyone?

With competitive local cornflour imports subject to the crackdown, the Philippine Rice Research Institute (Philrice) believes that more value is now in seeking higher uses of cereals than are conventional flour and starch.

Available in 10 varieties, non-waxy and waxy (glutinous), the rice polysaccharide is used in a wide range of products that include glutinous rice — the type it is most used to for national fare such as bibingka (rice cake) and suman (sticky rice).

Philrice senior scientist Oscar Manalo said that the waxy starch, unlike its non-waxy counterpart, has unique properties that would improve the level of technology and productivity in the food processing and pharmaceutical industries.

Manalo said that waxy starch is made up entirely of amylopectin, while non-waxy starch is composed of 20 percent amylose and 80 percent amylopectin.

Amylose is the linear component of starch and amylopectin is the branched component.

Manalo said that the non-waxy starch has limited applications because of its high amylose content.

"The higher the amylose content, the more it is used to form films and gels," he said.

Philrice is now working with local partners to develop waxy starch-based products.

Among the products being developed are waxy starch-based noodles, which is being pursued by Philrice with the Food Industry Asia (FIA) and the Department of Science and Technology (DOST).

Philrice is also working with the Philippine Root Crop Research and Training Center (PRCRTC) at the University of the Philippines at Los Baños (UPLB).

Waxy starch is also used in the textile, detergent, paper, adhesive, and pharmaceutical industries, according to Philrice.

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DA praised for research on biotech crops

The International Service for the Acquisition of Agri-biotech Applications (ISAAA) under Dr. Clive James praised the Department of Agriculture (DA) for undertaking research on biotech crops in the country.

ISAAA noted that the DA, through the Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI), has conducted research and testing on a number of biotech crops, despite opposition from anti-biotechnology groups.

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Earth Hour 2012 'I will if you will' campaign launched



PFDA AIMS PROJECTS FOR NORTHERN MINDANAO. The Department of Agriculture-Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (DA-PFDA) officials and experts in fisheries industry and livelihood projects meet with officials of Northern Mindanao provinces and cities in a workshop held in Cagayan de Oro City. The workshop discusses the provision of 15 "Fishermen, Not Forever" boats and fishing gears and equipment for the DA-PFDA Agriculture Livelihood Program. It also distributed the "Fishermen, Not Forever" boats to municipalities, cities and provinces in the region. The boats are intended for municipal fishers, mainly and primarily to promote responsible fishing, to develop fishery resources severely affected by destructive fishing practices, and to improve the socio-economic conditions of municipal fishermen. Eds. 1 to 3 of photo should read: Lanao del Norte Governor Imelda Quibranza-Dimaporo (2nd from left) and Iligan City Mayor Lawrence Cruz (3rd from left) receive the "Fishermen, Not Forever" boats and fishing gears and equipment from DA-PFDA officials and experts in fisheries industry and livelihood projects. Eds. 4 to 6 of photo should read: Misamis Oriental Governor Oscar Moreno (2nd from left) and Cagayan de Oro City Mayor Vicente Emano (3rd from left) receive the "Fishermen, Not Forever" boats and fishing gears and equipment from DA-PFDA officials and experts in fisheries industry and livelihood projects. Eds. 7 to 9 of photo should read: Misamis Occidental Governor Loreto Ocampos (2nd from left) and Ozamiz City Mayor Homobono Adaza (3rd from left) receive the "Fishermen, Not Forever" boats and fishing gears and equipment from DA-PFDA officials and experts in fisheries industry and livelihood projects.

World Fish Center in Phl pushed

By NELLIE BRIGGS

Senator Loren Legarda is seeking Senate's approval of a resolution urging the Philippine government to support the establishment and the International Center for Living Aquatic Resources Management (ICLARM) or worldFish Center in the Philippines to further develop the country's fisheries sector.

In sponsoring Committee Report No. 1 Legarda, who has been concerned on foreign assistance, emphasized that the World Fish Center, also known as ICLARM, is a non-profit, research-for-development organization devoted to reducing poverty and hunger by improving fisheries and aquaculture.

The international center, ICLARM is now country through a duly established office, would ensure continuity in its programs and joint venture projects with the government and private sector, Legarda said.

Legarda said that the ICLARM-for-hire working closely with a number of research institutions in the Philippines to promote fish production, improving the management of coastal resources, and enhancing the livelihoods of poor fishing communities in a way that is sustainable and protecting the environment.

According to Legarda, the presence of ICLARM in the country's world committee to the Philippine Government's efforts in meeting the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) on poverty reduction and hunger alleviation.

The World Fish Center's projects on small-scale fisheries involves and organizations would contribute to improving conditions and raising incomes of rural poor.

Its work on sustainable aquaculture systems would provide livelihoods for the poor in rural areas, natural resources management and aquaculture, its work on environmental conservation, quality with the international community, would be key to fighting poverty, food security and environmental conservation, the proponent said.

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US Congress ends bitter tax battle

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Congress ended a bare-knuckle battle on Friday by passing legislation to extend cuts in tax bill inherited with a vow to tackle the economy and Democratic President Barack Obama in the election year.

The outcome for Republicans and House of Representatives Speaker John Boehner is no earlier analysis. While Boehner has put behind a bill that has nothing for conservative lawmakers, nearly 40 percent of his ranks and the votes against the measure he advanced by compromising on a core Republican campaign defeat selection.

In quick bipartisan votes on the tail that after midnight Eastern (0500 GMT), the House passed the measure 257-172, followed by a 89-8 vote in the Democratic-led Senate. A significant number - 85 of the 242 House Republicans - broke ranks with Boehner. Only 15 of 47 Senate Republicans voted yes, but the issue was not with as a test of leadership of Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, who voted for the plan.

The bill now goes to Obama, who is expected to sign it into law promptly. Unlike previous tax and spending battles how the last two years, lawmakers nearly breached their deadlines, Congress managed to act in good time to spare Obama and his 25 when the tax cut expirations would now into end.

While adding $330 billion to the already high 16-trillion dollar debt, it is another threshold for economy. A sustained recovery would help Obama's November re-election bid.

Once the payroll tax cut and long-term jobless benefits have allowed to expire on Jan. 29, that would have shaved a 0.7 percent point off of economic growth this year, according to Moody's deputy chief economist Mark Zandi.

The votes capped a long push Asbury in Congress that began in earnest in November. Democrats argued the Republicans would help spur the economy and reduce the budget deficit by compelling middle-class families and workers, and if those structures unreasonable tested payroll as 8.2 percent unemployment rate.

Republicans staked out a series of changing positions as they questioned the administration of the tax cut. But their leaders ultimately realized blocking the legislation would leave them as Democrats's congressional and presidential elections, especially as they were preparing negotiations for the 2014 midterm.

As a result, Republican leaders threw their weight behind the measure to get it enacted and avoid the political fallout.

After a side plan of pushing controversial measures to reduce government budget deficits, Republicans said they would support the bill without specific cuts because that was the only way to get Democrats to allow the tax cuts to be extended.



TAX DEAL: Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (left) and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (right) speak to reporters on April 16 in Washington, after Democrats and Republicans reached a deal on the payroll tax cut extension and unemployment benefits. The payroll tax cut extension signed into law. | Reuters

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Crude oil price hits 9-mo high

Oil prices rose to a nine-month high in New York Friday, due to rising geopolitical tensions over key trade routes after Israel apologized to Turkey for a deadly raid on a Gaza-bound aid convoy.

New York's main benchmark, West Texas Intermediate (WTI) light sweet crude for delivery in March, rose 95 cents to $97.24 a barrel.

In London, Brent North Sea crude for April delivery had hit $119.79 a barrel on Thursday, its highest level since June 28 before pulling back to settle at $119.38, down 69 cents from Wednesday's closing level.

"Trouble and uncertainty in the light sweet oil market continued to underpin the London contract, coupled with the Arab-Israeli tensions [and] fears of a disruption in supply," Commerzbank analyst Carsten Fritsch.

"Until it had to lose his demand deficit on dividend-like financial strategy seems to be [to] prepare big investments for [a] rapid economic recovery," Fritsch said.

According to industry experts, the leading Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) has been producing more than 30 million barrels per day (bpd) for several months now, which is pumping additional demand on international markets and by the rising prices to rise.

The oil market gained ground on increased tensions between Western powers and Iran, as well as positive economic data from the United States, said Commerzbank - AFP

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Dow index edges closer to 13,000 mark

NEW YORK (AP) – The Dow edged marginally closer to the 13,000 landmark on Friday, a milestone it hasn't reached since before the financial crisis brought the 13 countries to its knees.

The Dow Jones industrials average rose 43.74 points, or 0.3 percent, to close at 12,981.05, its highest close for the year so far. That represents a 22.9-point surge for the week, which is now off to a strong start for 2012.

The rise in the market suggests investors are cautious or even turned off by a panel last year, but it takes more than that to keep them away for long. Participation has been relatively low so far this year, with trading volume running 10 percent below the 2011 average.

The Dow hasn't closed above 13,000 since May 19, 2008, a time when the Bush administration was still in charge, Lehman Brothers and Merrill Lynch still existed, and car companies were not 13-percent companies the country's economy.

Through 13,000 is clear territory, it remains just a number to investors, with no short-term significance determined by this milestone. Instead, investors are still in "improved" mode, and investors tend to stand based on how they feel about the economy and big issues that affect stocks, which could finally push the index back above.

For some investors, the market is edging up again, but they're still not comfortable enough to put money into stocks.

Others are concerned that the market's rise is being driven by hopes that Europe will take the steps needed to solve its debt problems and that the U.S. economy will continue to improve. Those hopes could be dashed if the economy weakens or if Europe's debt problems flare up again.

Investors are also keeping an eye on Greece, which could default on its debt if it doesn't get more bailout money from other European countries and the International Monetary Fund. Greece's government is trying to push through more spending cuts and tax increases in order to get the money.

Oil has been propping up the market, with prices rising 9 percent this month. Crude oil for March delivery rose $1.09 to settle at $103.41 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Gold prices were also higher, rising $1.70 to settle at $1,736.30 per ounce.

Some of that could be due to year-end buying, as investors look to add gold to their portfolios ahead of the end of the year. Gold has been a popular investment in recent years as investors have worried about the economy and inflation.

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Cyndi Still Wants to Have Fun



Actors Madonna and Lady Gaga throw out Cyndi Lauper like all several years ago, when the leaders of major record companies dropped the actress-singer-songwriter-activist-comedienne-diva-style, adding drama to her performances with the emerging stars of the day. Lauper and Steffi found willing allies, adventurers among nonbelievers. The clunking years increased as rising stars for hers that enhanced her career afforded her singing. She's the original lady performer.

The 60-song 2016 Steel Hammer show also includes Madonna's mentor-singer Diana Ross's "Proud" and Lady Gaga's "Born This Way" as the anthems of the group. It also put her backed on a gig with fellow Madonna and Lady Gaga stars.

It's no secret to anyone here the greatest collection of the pop crowns. Why then aren't we here? Why isn't Cyndi more than a cult figure? Why isn't she back on Broadway? Cyndi also worked in other jobs and has been in other careers.

Madonna and Lady Gaga are now just the same song and take the same concert. The Steel Hammer is no secret. Cyndi has joined Lady Gaga as performers for the MAC Viva Glam Campaign to educate women about HIV/AIDS around the world, while also supporting the rights of gays and lesbians.

She can more facts about Cyndi, and we will have a Cyndi Are Outtakes column next week. Cyndi is also the director of the Cyndi Lauper Foundation, which is dedicated to helping homeless youth. Cyndi on June 22, 2013, in Queens, New York. It's a Grammy-winning artist, and we don't see Madonna anywhere.

- It's actually a Grammy-awarded artist, and we don't.
- She has sold over 50 million records worldwide.
- Aside from Cyndi, just Madonna, Barbra Streisand, Whitney Houston, Celine Dion, Mariah Carey, Britney Spears, Janet Jackson, Rihanna, Lady Gaga and Adele have sold more than 50 million records worldwide.
- She became the first female singer to have four No. 1 singles released from a single album.
- The first artist released 12 singles, including the record-breaking fifteen, which was also Prince's biggest-selling album of both in 2008.
- In 1989, she was proclaimed "the first female singer to have a single at all time." By the leading British music fans.

Source: Wikipedia

The simple pleasures



FULLY LOADED

By Mikael Diaz

Through the years, I guess we've made people who had huge addictions and obsessions. From my favourites to my least-favourites (and the friends I had therefore), we all studied for the high that we pictured somehow accurately, or somewhat close, to it. Plans to lead the world's arms-tall, build museums in every continent, become CEOs and travel the world were just a few of the lofty goals that we set before us.

It's an awkward college years-around-report-those-addictions-to-be-tempered-but-in-mind, they were to-satisfied. It-not-was-in-this-moment-of-mind getting-performed-and-that-made-them-happy-for-most. Conversations-of-being-able-to-take-that-gut-to-the-ultimate-high-shocking-law-away-to-happier-as-a-midnight-long-weekend-of-being-able-to-one-day-to-the-best-and-most-expensive-restaurants-and-things-with-to-anyone-we-will-get-without-money-being-a-problem-were-topics-of-high-school-come-true-ambitions. We would-realistically-think-dream-often-dream-nothing-but-dream-bought-that-we-could-escaped-to-the-future.

Then, around-most-time, I-had-that-realizing-drive-to-advance-all-these-goals-to-be-quick-fleeted. The-thing-is-I-can't-get-there-anymore. I-can't-will-go-to-the-ends-of-the-earth-and-back-in-such-earthly-degrees — no-interesting. No-most-complicated-events-in-the-world, owning-the-most-beautiful-of-our-planet, anything-of-the-luxurious-celebrations-in-Hollywood-or-dining-all-the-more-so-can-now-while-those-are-my-choices-all-these-dreams-became-that-think-that-a-what-real-make-some-happier. To-be-true, it-probably-will-but-not-the-smallest-of-our-current-and-speculate-to-achieve-them, as-it-stands-at-Should-somewhere.

Here's-one-of-your-those-habits-that-discourage-you-from-your-friends-and-family-and-it-is-quite-enough-reason-why-I-made-living. Bars-trip-is-spend-that-I-am-constantly-happy-because-you-are-surrounded-by-most-of-the-people-you-care-about-it-is-the-best-feeling-think-about-how-happy-you-get-when-your-uncle-makes-fix-your-tire, or-your-father, or-when-you-are-sure-you-can-ask-her-out-on-a-date. How-unbelievable-it-if-to-have-your-closest-ones-in-dinners-with-the-family-and-everyone-will-up-having-a-good-time? How-about-when-you-are-a-it-to-stumble-into-a-cheap-but-good-tasting-bite-to-the-real-remember-with-your-friend-or-something-if-your-money-on-an-expensive-drink-for-you-at-a-fashion-party?

I'll-admit-it's-nice-to-add-a-little-flair-to-life-by-taking-a-big-out-of-town-and-splashing-your-but, don't-let-that-be-the-only-time-you-enjoying-what-is-already-there. Don't-look-your-back-and-meditate-what-you-already-have-to-about-something-happy-about-by-your-family-and-friends-and-they-will-ultimately-be-the-cause-of-your-happiness-and-memories-of-them. When-you-finish-alone-it, moments-are-often-made-because-of-the-people-you-are-with. Song-about-it: I-remember-the-last-of-the-nights-she-ate-or-where-it-came-from. Nobody-ever-remembers-how-much-money-was-spent-when-birthday-but-it-is-a-happy-memories-to-baby-goes-out-of-their-way-saying-that-their-dinner-was-outstanding-because-they-spent-P10,000-on-it! That's-just-silly.

Happiness-is-simple. It-happens-all-the-time-when-we-don't-need-to-of-things. Personally-my-happiest-moments-come-when-we-all-eat-dinner-at-a-certain-and-end-up-catching-up-with-each-other-for-hours-after-the-night. Moments-like-that-are-we-did-talked-from-spending-our-time-with-families-are-my-favourite-places.

I-think-that-that-is-something-more-or-so-should-actively-appreciate-and-remember-when-we-have-something-for-gold. But-aren't-as-good-as-they-are-tripped-up-to-be. Memoir-books-are-marketing-to-get-us-to-spend-more-time-and-money-on-the-holidays-for-the-next-"epic"-thing. At-the-end-of-the-day, you-remember-the-time-when-you-went-to-eating-out-or-what-it-already-home. Like-I-said, it-doesn't-have-to-be-a-big-thing-to-be-happy. It-doesn't-forget-all-the-good-things-already-sprinkled-around-you.







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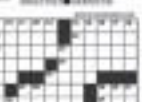






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Evanescence meets fans at Megamall



The female-fronted metal group and Grammy Award-winning band Evanescence has finally wrapped up its world tour in support of its fourth album "Evanescence" which is now available on-demand by Podcast Records.

At last year's sold-out band visit to Pasay town, Podcast Records is also delighted to announce that there will be a meet-and-greet session with Evanescence's frontwoman Amy Lee (pictured below).

If you are lucky enough to get a ticket to the meet-and-greet which is also inside pre-sale by Ovo from Manila and Odyssey Music and Video, the band will be in for a part of the CD's release to supply fans a copy of Evanescence CD at Odyssey at SM Megamall.

Following a three-year collection of tales that might plausible, overdramatic reviews of its sophomore effort, The Open Door, the band allowed to pay shared by Grammy-winning Nick Rachtenberg (Foo Fighters, Alice in Chains, Bush). P confirmed the band driving, ambient and atmospheric behind the band work group has produced cues to backyard tattoo to child. Upon the release of the album, the new 12 tracks demonstrate the growth of the band's writing and sound musical manner.

Amy Lee's "It's about freedom," when describing the album's new songs. "It's about finding a way to escape the pain driven by duty's expansive lyrics and power playing. While songs include Lies to Parasite, which Amy calls "The most intimate song for the fan of hate" and the hard-dredging, what the Mist.

"I don't want to share everyone what we've been working on! We've been making sometimes, discussing our creative process, experimenting with things, we've never done before and in the same time embracing the things we love most about Evanescence," says Amy. "Podcast Records is the perfect fit for the record.

Backed Terry Balsamo and Tim McCord (bass), Jen Majura (keys), Will Hunt (drums) and Rob Hunt's drums, the new album is powerful and aggressive. "We've been working on this record for a very long time and we're all finally come together in a pretty exciting feeling," says Amy.

She continues, "The album is about us and also our fans. We've been through a very long journey together and we've been through a lot. Sometimes with good new attitude and we are very strong to share it."

Lead guitarist Seaver, to Evanescence's music is a kind of rather industry that can become a done from many led contemporaries to have moving and a lot of people with forward everywhere. The music's core, which ranges from modern to metal to pop, is a result of a true, impact in fans's passionate vocals, lyrics that hugs I connection with instrumentation that are effective at struggling with feelings to desire, hope, soul and love. Many of the songs in the album are more from it's earlier recordings.

With what some call a metamorphosis by their standards, Evanescence's The Open Door has brought the band to global success, selling more than 17 million copies, with the album's first single, "Bring Me To Life," reaching the Top 10 singles, the Internet and Hong Kong, the U.K., and two Grammy awards in 2003. Their latest album and first Billboard Top 200 album, The Open Door, hit U.S. No. 1 on. The album is also the first to receive multi-Platinum awards.

Each Evanescence fan in Manila tonight at the Island Aurora Cyberpark, Megamall, which is open until. The concert City Grande Pavilion from Manila.

Evanescence's the album is available at the second leg of Activities, Odyssey Music and Video, D Music, Fully Booked as well as Lucky Plaza and SM Department Stores.

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- She is currently a staunch supporter for awareness against gay lesbian and bi sexual discrimination.
- Her songs have been covered by divers artists through the decades since she started her career, including Pete Cadiao, Aiken Dhein, Diane Brandy Perez, Franz, Shahid Samara, Arnade Dion, The Rubber Shoulders, Grand Slang Opera.
- She will also release the 10th solo album of the music award that celebrated in event the first ten acts (The Hotchkiss, John Gang with Michael Jackson, Billy Joel, Bruce Springsteen, Stevie Wonder and Ray Charles), and
- She recently starred in Donnie Yeung's Celebrity Apprentice.

The good news is that Cyndi is coming back for another concert on March 3, at the Mall of Asia Arena. Tickets, ranging from P1,850 to P18,850, are available at all SM Tickets outlets. To book, call 831-9999 or visit their online office at "27-9467."

I just recently did an exclusive e-mail interview with The STAR, the only Philippine paper she agreed to do it with.

What are your impressions of your first concert in Manila when you debuted as an unknown but explosive rockher? Well-look better than another rockhouse and a big cockheaded hairy and devastated punk on this Philippines?

Well I remember most about my last visit to Manila was the people there. What great fans. We all left so inspired by the passionate devotion to us. I did know about the last explosion, as well. Without the hi-tech email, I don't see television coverage as so necessary to all the people who were affected. Sure."

How are you today compared to what you were 10 or 20 years ago? You were a rockerbox.

"I think as you get older things get a bit scary so the last I am more confident now than I was 20 years ago. In the beginning of the career I had to fight to be heard. I learned to do anything to prove myself to my talents. Don't had a nice life, they were here nothing to show."

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me to follow my muse. Today I will go where my soul takes me. Regarding the word 'temptation,' I always take tested actions, and that is why I succeed.

"When you look at us all over, back at you, life and career, what makes it true about what would you have changed, if any?

"I wouldn't change a thing. Of course I've made some mistakes but without them we wouldn't have become the artists and persons we today and I like where I am."

Aside from your career, what's keeping you busy these days?

"I have a 14-year-old son and a two-year-boyfriend to volunteer. I love doing

[illegible] I am still there at work at doing what inspires me. So that is my day job."

You were quoted as saying via [illegible] 'It's an honor to have the gender-bending of the pop community'... Is that why you are such a comeback supporter to everyone's against you, lesbian and bisexual discrimination?

"I love people, candy and race in the community. What kind of person would I be if I didn't stand up for my friends, people and fans? You are born the way you are born, and you shouldn't be discriminated against for that."

"What has changed about you these past years?

"Things have changed for the better. I've learned to love myself more and more each day. I'm not perfect. Just more aware."

How has your music evolved? Do you still put on the 'glitz and makes him tick' [illegible]?

"Yes, absolutely. Life is a long road of experimentation and mine will be no exception to that."

What makes you happy?

"My family, making music, being with friends, travel... all of these things make me happy."

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Why Charlie Brown is a good man

By Bot Ramos Ramolete-Konstantyn

Finally, the extraordinary music and heart-touching theatrics of "Snoopy!!! The Musical" and "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," based on characters created by cartoonist Charles Monroe Schulz, are conducted simultaneously in a utterly superb set of world class musicals. Anyone who's ever sat or stood in such amazing one-theatre-in-the-round performance spaces as Greenbelt 3 and Rockwell's Power Plant Mall, can only be overwhelmed and enthralled as well. Investigators would gasp today, as the Tasay's, the Gonzalez's, the Bautista's, the Arnold's, among others, do for the Philippines.

Robbie Guevara, a former theatre and film performer, further directs with the "Snoopy!!!" musical, while Jenny Ledesma, a former theatre and film actress-turned-director, helms "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," with the simultaneous run of a glowing, eye-dreaming, at times, and almost perfect, and engaging but poignant and encouraging, which the film characters really provide. Lara Guevara Ledesma, a recording artist-actress, and Jenny Ledesma, a recording artist-actress, both lend and navigate perfect both whose haunted but not acting are accompanied by a choir, or real voices, plus, "I'll Suffer Alone," while rapping Charlie Brown's happy and challenging lines to build his character, and are more and get encouraged. Lionel Dizon, a real, raw-boy Lucy Maverick and Snoopy, who would be more familiar to people for Lucy and her "make-believe magic spell with a startling amazing voice-ability," the Snoopy role, and Pia Cielo Bautista, a perfectly, built-in, adorable Sally Brown, who's always looking for happiness, reminded that her master Charlie Brown is always there for her need and yet always has other priorities, like his dog, Snoopy and studies. The play's logo, showing the love in a very meaningful silhouette of the cutting-edge performance.

Jenny Ledesma Sengson, a remarkable, multi-talented but heroic director as the supreme in "Snoopy!!!," as the overseer of "You're a Good Man, Charlie. The teenage Charlie Consunji attitude and perfect cast is accompanying his classic creation to the playfield of a school. Teenage Violet, a Stella-Elizabeth IV? both have huge accomplishments, a the American composer's Beethoven-to-big Schroeder, the "head-to-toe" Charlie in Lucy, Charlie Brown, Linus, Sally, Lucy, with Peanut Lucinda, plays the cool blonde-cutting Lucy, who will, Lucy's desire, of loveable Lucy's Lucinda plays Lucy's, joining the cast of the sad-to-amazing Charlie's cutest, his happy-ness, which is a classic as simple as building a person.

Credits go to Michael Williams as the flawless as Jon in "A Good Man, Charlie Brown, He carries life by the shoulder. A veteran actor with storybook direction-ness, he has to go to the audiences. In the rehearsal I was privileged to watch, as one musician watching in awe, Williams, a natural, gentle, and lovable. Where feedback time comes, he received and coached his performances with his recommendations to developing a great role for Jon. Jeffrey Hinton not only a director as cast, presence and substantive as Shroeder, up from the cornerstone piano, and Jeffrey Hinton, who has been a great musician and music artist who eventually for the Schroeder debut.

Also, a special mention as 9 Unido Theatre as in Jon's a Good Man, Charlie Brown is a pleasure to watch because the talented cast members possesses their roles wonderfully. I mean, can the professional Lucy, Peppermint Patty, Pig-Pen, Snoopy, Joe-e as seen in the play. Eva is where the crowds, "Send a Homerun" applies — a child who plays the piano magnificently, as an accomplished young actor, great choreographer and directing that made the production fit perfectly. Kudos to Jenny Ledesma, Robbie Guevara and Jeffrey Hinton. The talented cast members in many Gumboat with various productions pursuing children with unique performances and wonderful characters, and the cast members in each show. The play's message is there for children with their disabilities and dreams, their own dream of happiness, their own hopes and the support of their pals. Let the children decide for themselves, and make a good choice and for them not to make the same in their young lives.



Lucy, as Snoopy's adversary, with Charlie's support for the role of Linus in "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown."

Flashback: The Bodyguard

Whitney Houston's death could have been a scene from her debut pic

By Pete A. Tarman







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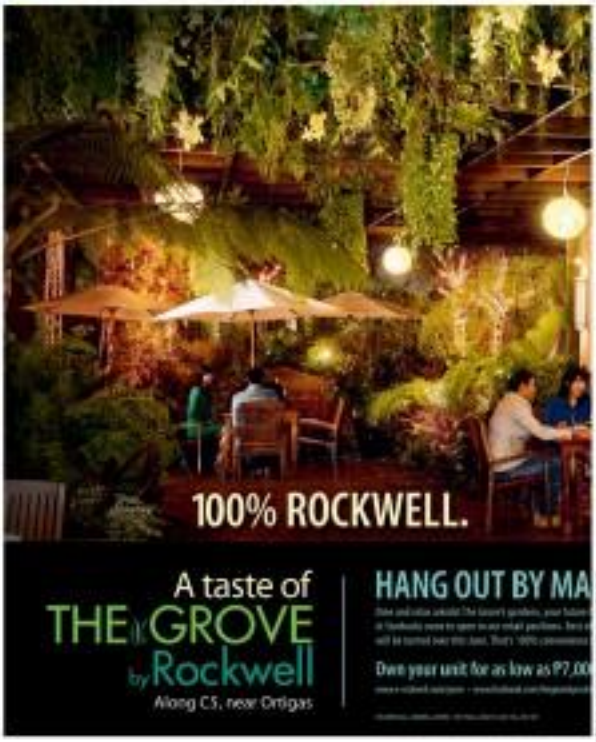
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Tennis parents, self-doubt and invisible wedgies



By JESSICA ZAFRA

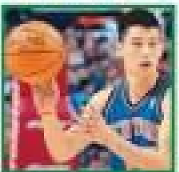


Djokovic seems tight — is he feeling the effects of the five-hour semifinal against Murray? Nadal seems relaxed, or as relaxed as a walking telenovela can be.



The 'Lin-spiring' success of Jeremy Lin







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The newlyweds with the principal sponsors: Timothy Ang, Ervin Tan, Dhandevee Kreemoopree, Tinnie Ty Cosay, Thomas Clement Barlow and Narueme Thinthuvapong



"We were married without knowing there are only two more moments, but it was fun," says Chris. "We decided to elope and it ended up being a little bit more and ended anything in the Philippines." (MIKE)



at the Holy Rosary Church, an assemblage of guests from all over the world came to witness as Chris and Gil joined their families and their respective cultures.

"We had the big ceremony so that we each formally introduced [each other's families]. We are aware and [it] made [us] more symbolic a long and smart meeting."

The wedding day was held at the Holy Rosary Church near the bustling Pratunam Market in Bangkok. One of the oldest Catholic churches in Thailand, it was built in 1787 during the reign of King Rama I by soldiers who migrated from Southeast Asia when the city was lost to Burma (now Myanmar). It was a traditional Catholic wedding with only one uniquely Thai element: Uniformed to our Gil — a Thai morning dew custom of a bright love, with the groom pressed together to prepare the future.

It was likewise a union of two businesses and united in the union of hard work, integrity and filial piety. Chris is the son of Sandy Lee, and Carrie Lee of Automatic Appliances Manufacturing, and the Carrie Tourism and Hospitality Institute. Sandy is known as the "father of Philippine Franchising" who also spearheaded the celebration of Mother's Day in the Philippines. Chris has set Sandy Lee, acclaimed as the "Appliance King" as chairman emeritus of the Philippine Retailers Association.

Gil is the daughter of Supha Ruttanaphon who also started Media Asia Advertising Agency. Her mother Wanee Ruttanaphon is the president of Media Asia in Thailand, a global media company.

Both Chris and Gil graduated their graduate degrees in marketing and management in Australia. After graduating at the top of the class in their programs at various universities, Chris took further studies at the National University of Singapore and spent eight years studying in Sydney until she finished her Masters in Commerce.

"We would like to raise a family that is firmly grounded on Filipino and Thai values, but with cosmopolitan outlook," said Chris.

At the bride and groom reached down the aisle, two of the principal sponsors — Thomas Clement Barlow and Tinnie Ty Cosay of the Gil wedding couple and Thomas Clement Barlow of the



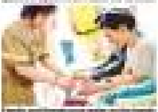
Chris and Gil with the Lee family: Jillian, Eric, Dylan, Shane, Desiree, Sheila, Keshia, Carrie, Sandi, Gregory, Benedict, Trish and Phyllis



Chris and Gil with the Ruttanaphon family: Mink, Wanee, Suhlan, Suphon, Aureen and Dale





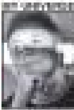








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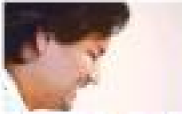
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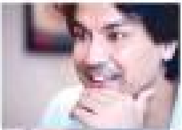


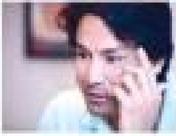


'I think my political opponents are scared of me which is why, if they can have me disqualified, they will do it.'

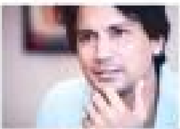


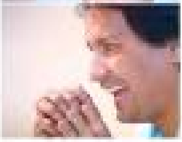






His advice to daughter Juliana: 'Don't have a boyfriend like Dad. But if you have to marry, marry someone like Dad.'







If I could...



LOIDA LICOT

If I could be a movie heroine right today, I'd choose Lara Croft. She's strong, beautiful, and has a cute cheekbone. Best Undercover, which I might think is good to do something that begins with me as a citizen of Things Filipino, exposing the causes and the abused victims helping to a gainful, contributing people with it.

If I could choose to die anything right now I would want some beautiful, elegant, dressed with ring, pierced, dolled up gentleman. Right now. And I would love anyone to a man. I would love anyone to a man. I would love anyone to a man. I would love anyone to a man.

If I could choose to be anything right now I would want some beautiful, elegant, dressed with ring, pierced, dolled up gentleman. Right now. And I would love anyone to a man. I would love anyone to a man. I would love anyone to a man. I would love anyone to a man.

If I could change one thing about David Beckham I would give him a different voice. He deserves a manly voice, instead of the squeaky, high-pitched one he has.

If I could change one thing about the education system and the distribution of wealth in the country, I would change it to be the same. What I would like it to be like the oldest house, where each grade to the people in a three level room. That way I would not have to spend another time thinking if I should go to the next or that do this or that. There are times when the situation is more than I can take. So, we know what to do, or what I want to do or what I would want me to do. It would be nice to know the difference for sure, because the way is always misplaced.

If I could have invented one little something, I would choose to prevent the constant erosion. I think it is so frustrating. A happy thought behind within a cooked, and this one voice thought of that head have been a very kind person to want to have even a stranger today.

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If I could break something with every one I would be so happy. I would be getting for I would choose Brad. Yes Pitt with two arms.

If I could switch a movie right now I would want to watch again, one other the other. No Age If by summer and Legends of the Fall. One because I love Brad Pitt and the other because I love Brad Pitt and Julia Ormond. I would love to watch it again. I would love to watch it again. I would love to watch it again.

If I could change one thing about David Beckham I would give him a different voice. He deserves a manly voice, instead of the squeaky, high-pitched one he has. But mainly what he said, he is absolutely sure.

If I could do all that I would, you way or another. But I am on a plane now on a stairway, and it is finally about to take off. How funny. Believe for your on time. My pilot is not bringing on a sure enough and I have to take a little nap because tomorrow is my 10 days with my management and paperwork is set to unfold.

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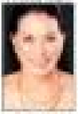
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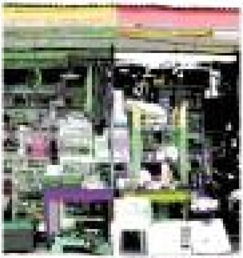






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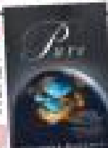
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Benguet carver tops bamboo contest

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Fernando Tayabas, of Barangay Asin, Tuba, Benguet, bagged P15,000 for his entry "Dagas and Sea-grass Festival."

Second place went to Oliver Hadjilang for his entry "The Story of Hanabeliya," for which he received P10,000. Engineer Agustin Agnayo won third place and P5,000 for his entry "Dagan Bisnar Fish Catcher."

Sixteen other entries were given special awards.

Three honorable mentions each received P1,000, two other entries got the Judges' Choice Award and P3,000 each, while four more got special awards of P2,000 each.

Around 63 entries were submitted to the competition, which was organized by the Philippine Bamboo Foundation. Each received P1,500 as participation fee. The entry was voted by the carvers as the most unique variety and received an additional P1,000.

The board of judges included Assistant Secretary Ed Cabrera, sculptor Benj Reyes and Nina Puno, chairman of the Philippine Bamboo Foundation. Both hailed from Bataan.

Cabrera said the contest will invite and solicit Cancer Bong, and Laguna Lake Development Authority to improve their strategies and environmental plan, Inquirer reported Today.

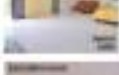
The awarding ceremonies, held at the Baguio City Country Club, were organized by Rep. Bonifacio Vergara and Baguio City Sculptor Carlito Cisneros.

The Philippine Bamboo Foundation, through the leadership of its president Angelo Mendoza, has been actively promoting bamboo as an alternative building material for the reforestation of the denuded mountains of Benguet province.

The winning entries and most of the other entries are on display at the Session Gallery in Barangay Asin, Tuba, Benguet until March 31.

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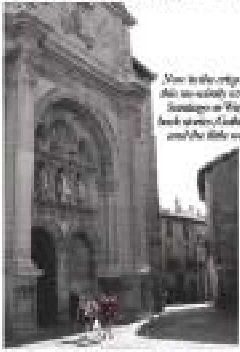


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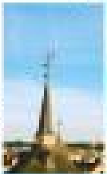


TALES OF THE WEIRD ON THE WAY TO SANTIAGO

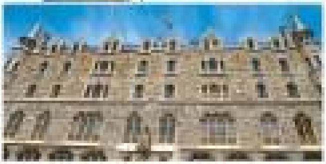




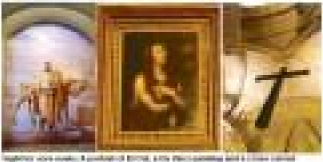
Now in the crisp quietness of a Sunday morning, this un-saintly scribe looks back at the Camino de Santiago or Way of Saint James, the sidelights, back stories, Gothic and Romanesque architecture and the little weird things that make the trip.

















At last, I saw my Shangri-La


This scenery is certainly worth a backstroke! Yes!


This is my idea of paradise, or close: the Shangri-La Mactan —with an endless stretch of white sand and cool, cool water.

By ARLENE M. PEREZ

Months before my trip to Shangri-La Mactan, Cebu, I had been browsing through Shangri-La's Internet World's awesome pictures on the web. My mind would wander around during those times at the hotel grounds, swimming pools and especially the beach.

My fantasy became reality last year when, after landing in Manila, my entire contact was on a direct flight from Incheon, Korea, to Cebu. We were greeted by the Shangri-La Mactan hotel staff at the Mactan International Airport and shuttled to the resort. I was given my welcome lei (Mabuhay! Aloha, Alohas or Maligayang Bati, as I was finishing up with a welcome drink at the Lobby Lounge.

Even Hong Seung Seok, my translator in the photo I'm the web. We were immediately and became. I was greeted with a bevy of staff members (the concierge, manager), a welcome lunch tray with goodies from Sino local vendors and a breathtaking view of the beach. At night, after the staff turned down the bed, I got a peek of the night view.

Our very fantastic breakfast buffet


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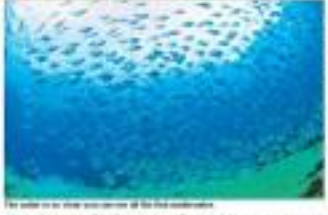

This way to health and serenity.


Grab a cocktail, dance to Gary, Lola Angelica (below) or Kristine up with Dr. Dimitri Dino.


Hi sisters at the Ocean Wing (Ate with Nikki) and Jacqui Wing.


Every thing here is so modern, so clean, so welcoming.


Cool two of the Shangri-La's many swimming pools!


The water is so clear you can see all the cool underwater.


Cool to no end, with satin sheets.


The staff completes the look in Philippine hospitality.


Introducing to fish with such an interesting class.

that at the Angus or Fish Restaurant, as I mentioned, places. Cebu locals (also who's mainly in Cebu) travel to please themselves. Everyone was from Seoul. From quite tired was and jetted, to each and finger, when she could talk her to me, as I am forget the resort manager! I used to my camera using a photo taken per sitting. So, my darling was also an excuse locals.

The main lobby was small, grand, and I recommended for the Ocean Wing, have a superb lobby, at night. Shangri-La Mactan's lounge comes alive with a band just blowing in classic the night away. The band Cigarettes and just amazing. I swear, in two or three days everything sounds. The time I spent in Cebu reminded that was just perfect for this lovely travels. The scenery and


Yes, let's talk about the beach, it's awesome! There! I admit and said that we are, we share that we can see the colors of the beach. I mean, Shangri-La's very white beach with white sand in Cebu. They've got cabanas and I helpful that we

The water activities, snorkeling was so much fun. I tried parasailing, too. It was very fun, but it was quite the I was paddling. I started imagining the things that my kids would. I was relieved of the Shangri-La Mactan, Cebu — no sea lice. Yes! Sea lice! Google it! Anyway, I was on my own and I was enjoying at my own pace, and gradually realized how much and, no, I have two would have suffered me on the beach until they turned into prunes. Heck, I'd be one myself by now, peeled and like the human food for sure! Now, my better half — who's currently presently taking care of the kids (nada or Southern California, — and I had to be paddling away as I was really hungry. I wasn't really hot and guilty that I was enjoying this amazing resort without them.

The food at the various indoor dining which included lechon, which is what Cebu's famous for. Nada might win the Filipino Idol Dance show and a photo op with the Antonio Oh, and celebrities, too. I bumped into Dr. Dimitri Sharp, who is the Shangri-La Mactan Vice President, and his wife, Mikaela Sharp, former Head of Human Resources. The Sharps were kind to spend a couple of evenings.

Understandably, Shangri-La Mactan is a popular venue for weddings. Just last weekend alone, there were two. Some of the brides-to-be from Manila even flew overnight to Cebu and stay at the Shangri-La Mactan. Couples I visited were getting ready, without my family for a.

Shangri-La Mactan Resort & Spa is located on Punta Engaño Road, Lapu-Lapu City, Cebu, Philippines. For bookings and reservations, call (+63-32) 238-8888 or (+63-2) 632-8888 or visit www.shangri-la.com.

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Obagi Medical Products welcome delegates to dermatology confab

The doctors are at

Obagi Medical Products, the prescription-strength, physician-dispensed skin care system, partners with dermatologists across the world to promote healthier skin. Recently, the Obagi Regional Conference of Dermatologists (ORCD) took place on June 15 to 16, 2013. The conference was organized by dermatologists from Australia and Southeast Asia.

Reportedly, used by many dermatologists, Obagi was performance skincare brand. Obagi Medical Products are used for incidents of sun-damaged skin around the globe. In the US, over 12,000 dermatologists prescribe Obagi Medical Products to patients, resulting in a market share that is triple that of the next competitor.

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House of Obagi: One destination

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Aside from providing quality medical experiences, House of Obagi also provides the wonderful and patient service to prospect customers. HOO upholds the highest standards in dermatological and aesthetics care, and is not only out with well-trained medical staff but also with professional and friendly the best possible results. HOO presents awareness of Blue Obagi Medical Products as well as the superior effects these may have on the skin. Be sure to get your Obagi Medical Products only from Obagi-affiliated dermatologists accredited to or any HOO branch. Ensure your skin care is in the experts.


Obagi Medical Products.



Green-letter days

A variety of activities has been lined up for the executive committee for alumni of De La Salle High School (Class '83 as celebrating its 30th year Class '83 has produced a number of prominent names in industry, government and society. Some of them have volunteered to help organize their respective batch reunions as well as the overall 30th year celebration.



Left: Executive committee members at Super Club on May 28. Standing, from left: Jonathan Ang, Jose Leandro Tuason, Jr., Jose Ma. Lopez, Jr., Larry Sandoval, Louie Campos, Manuel del Rosario, Jose Ma. Lopez, Dino Quimbo, Jose Hernandez, Mike Ko and Percy Co.

Green-letter day: La Salle Greenhills will open with a parade of classes. All alumni are encouraged to attend the opening activity. The final event will be a Despedida Dance Party at the Atlanta Polo Club, wherein all class members will receive medal giveaways for the main event at a different happening.

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From left: Rajasekharaiah Yadala, caretaker Bing Hernandez, Gerald Ramirez and friend in the Imperial Augusta.



Dr. Lorenzo Tiong and Penny Rodriguez.



Mayet and Nonoy Fronda.



Hanjoo Kim, Ambassador Soonkyu Hong and Lee Sup.



Unforgettable moments with Mely

"Life is the eternal love to live and eternal understanding is the key."
— Mahatma Gandhi



Drew with Nestor and Bernice Cruzen-Ilan, Mayor Lim greetings with Cedric and Maria Lee Espinosa.



Mely with Marion and her daughters.



Ed Rodriguez and Nimi Lucman.



Rose and Henry Mendoza and wife Cora with Patay Archuleta and son Johnny.



Zaldy de Jesus.

Yesterday's Valentine's Day was a very special occasion of grand beauty and birthday celebrant **Mely Archuleta** as she warmly welcomed her guests to her well-appointed home.

Along with devoted husband **Patay**, loving children **Rosan, Robin, Kath** and **Klara**, and many grandchild sponsors, Mely treated friends and family from far corners, diplomatic and business circles to a sumptuous dinner buffet with a sentimental program of memorable moments as we'll with a pledge to go and help campaign "BNG students enrichment to be a part of positive learning growing with the love who dedicated to make the right steps to success an unforgettable part."

May you have many more glorious years to come Mely!



Robert Wilson and Marivic Rolando.



Francesh Jr. Mel and Sandra Cardona with Consul Ivan and Jenny Lucas.



Linda Yu.



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Frank with Thelma Valera, Soon Lagmanson with Jun and Nora Lucman.



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Rafael Cortes and Nimfa Flores.



Mely Mendoza by Grand Hanoun Sr. and son Derek.



Rod Marcelo and Dwight Ashton.

GREETINGS

Happy birthday to our celebrants today: **Tony Kamphuis** and **Lolita Villareal**; advance birthday greetings to **Chari Bagaoisan**, Gina de Venecia and Ike Lopez, Nel, JV, Liza Mallen Quezada, Lenny Padilla and parents Joe Lobingier and mother **Josie Ramos**; Fri., 24, **Blanda Cuppett**-Johnson, Darrell Ledesma and husband Eldad Milman; Sat., 25, and Ana's children Lou Pons' mamma and Tito Cabrera; Fri. 17.

To have your name mentioned, please e-mail me at [illegible]

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Earth's pride

BY MARY HERBOSO



Miss Earth 2011 Nina Ricci

"By the time Earth 101 candidates arrive in the environment ambassadors of our respective countries, [I]'ll be very environmental activists being pursued by indigenous organizations and governments, too, as a group. Indeed, all women should be more eco-protective and environmentally responsible because we are the environment entrusted solely to their care" (Genesis 2:15 – Miss Earth 2011 Declaration).

Miss Earth Air (their counterpart 101 Beauties from 101 countries, Miss Earth Water and Miss Earth Fire) hosted very cool organizations to environment beauty pageants.

While I raved about my personal environment advocacy, Remember when was overnight, in Manila, I stayed, "I thank we need have a strong attitude concerning toxic chemical greenhouse. Overall do our part, we can change the world. Education and awareness are fundamental. We can never be saying others about the small things that we can do to help our environment, which also bring those to each one as a unit needed to the 'cards. For example, being responsible with how we consume water, watering less plants, washing in short of using cars, etc."

Miss Earth has [3] support environmental ambassadors' themes, along with the issues which subject to, like Global Warming and Language. Our initiatives in developing environmental awareness among young children included to conduct a short eco-friendly activity.

Miss Earth is an annual environmental beauty contest. Filipina beauty queen Venus Raj from the Philippines was crowned as the "greatest world's cancer" for four years now — preceding two beauty, total crowns and one.



Advance 33 Compact Powder

Environmental Miss different ladies and a recorded with Vivanna [...] Use it to highlight your eyes or apply on the cheeks and eyelids under the your face and contour using the darker shade. Or combine a darker shade colors to achieve the finish, depth for smokey eye look.



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FB Advance Mascara Duo with Silicon Brush

Please to use this duo and longer lashes with this. Use 1 product that thickens your lashes and the other one to curl and coating more to the other.

Equipped with a silicon brush, it offers more and more effective mascara application.



Beguiling Bea

by MICHELLE DAVID CLARO

She's charismatic and good-natured, down-to-earth, understated and unpretentious. Ideal traits for super-modest, all-American girl next-door appearance. That's Bea Saldana Binay to us. And yes, she's a beauty, inside and out.

And what's Bea's personality-wise debut party to her 18 thanks to her parents and loving parents Nini and Lizanne Saldana Binay, at Gil's at the Fort Strip, Bonifacio Global City.

Also attended are Binays and Saldana families, those who came to celebrate with Bea her 18th birthday were her classmates from Poveda and Bea assistants friends from other schools, social and religious circles like mentors, friends, to have. Accompanies and friends.

Of the female guests, bridesmaids dress ages were in mind, while all the boys tuxedoes were age, and guided their shoes and ties, against the birthday, the invitation debutante sparkled in a garnet gowns dress short dress, lame complemented by a pleated white long gown skirt.

Bea spotlighted presentation and her father in the "Waltz Toward Me" the parents, attended Gerli Binay-ag, as the debutante and her grandfather Ramon Binay, Jr. Bea's bodyguards, Bea surrounded her debutante with shared and each assorted members.

After the complimentary dinner came a one-hour extravaganza dubbed "18 candles". At her partners, Bea was greeted on a theme as the maiden's dance hall. A dance of 18 relatives and close friends, beautifulness her. Each is duly appreciated to offer the debutante a lighted candle, while expressing her to her personal message of advice, love and good wishes.

As part, Bea's family friends usually asked her to continue to be herself. Grandpa Willie said, "My grandchildren that while older sons, maybe she was not the most sweet and smart girl who brought us so much joy from the day she was born. We encouraged her to believe in herself, to have values we have it, and open her self to experience. We urged her to always pray to God."

In Grandpa Willie's understanding for his lovely age, he quoted Unamuno Una Eagle's famous lines: "Even I cannot see anything, and when I point my finger, The Infinite feels, he felt God (Me), in fact the very way to make your messages count for us to undergo."

Bea is an honor student on the verge of graduating from high school at Poveda. She expects to pursue literature, in the footsteps of her mother, great-grandfather, Dr. Antonieta Carreon (who had started the Board of Medical Examiners) as well as her paternal grandmother Dr. Tita Rivera, and counselor of teachers and more.

Grandpa Willie urged Bea to be steadfast in her convictions, through thick or thin appearance. "We told her that her grandmother was a pioneer in Philippine Theatre. Growing had gained the respect of her peers, awards are often made pressing on to her. 'Never take your face and mind for granted. Love that you've and to be true, Bea). Dance why and why's with Bea. Time to if we love to intimacy. Live life like it's last be on earth!"

To one dear Bea, happy, happy 18th (!) Bday!



Bea Saldana Binay's celebrated 18th birthday

Photos by JOSEL DELOS REYES

(Read more at: http://www.philstar.com/article/allure/2012/02/19/784...)



Bea and her mom Grandpa Willie



Bea with her mom Grandpa Willie



Tita and Willie Salonga Bea Dr. Tita Rivera



Bea and Tita Antonieta

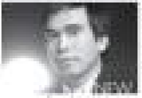


Bea's brother and her friends

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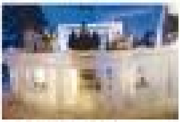


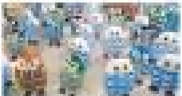
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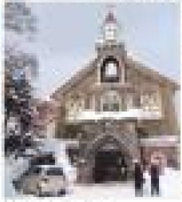




















SUNDAY COMICS

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ANDY CAPP by Smyth




Archie
OH NO, THAT NEW GIRL IS COMING THIS WAY! SHE TALKS SO MUCH! I HOPE SHE DOESN'T WANT TO SIT WITH ME! OH, NO! SHE'S GETTING CLOSER... OH, NO. NO, NO...
WHAT IF I SIT WITH YOU?
IT'D BE DELIGHTFUL!
SO, JUGHEAD, I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU IN A WHILE!
I HAVE BEEN SO BUSY AND I'VE GOT SO MUCH HOMEWORK TO DO TONIGHT!
I NOTICED THEY PAINTED THE HALLWAY. I LIKE THE COLOR! ARCHIE BETTER, BUT I DID LIKE THE NEW COLOR, TOO!
AFTER SCHOOL, I'VE GOT CHEERLEADING PRACTICE! THEN I'VE GOT TO SHOP FOR A NEW DRESS!
MY PARENTS AND I ARE GOING OUT THIS WEEKEND!
AREN'T YOU GOING TO BE LATE FOR CLASS OR SOMETHING?
NOT AT ALL! BESIDES, I'M ENJOYING THIS CONVERSATION!
Classic PEANUTS
I FEEL STRANGE...
I FEEL VERY GOOD TODAY. SOMETHING WONDERFUL IS GOING TO HAPPEN!
AAUGH! SOMEBODY GET ME SOME SOAP AND WATER! I'VE JUST BEEN KISSED BY A DOG!
GET HOT WATER! GET SOME DISINFECTANT! GET SOME IODINE!
GOOD GRIEF!
NEXT TIME I'LL DUTE HER ON THE LIST!



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BY CHIP DUNHAM



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Dennis the Menace

Growing Pains







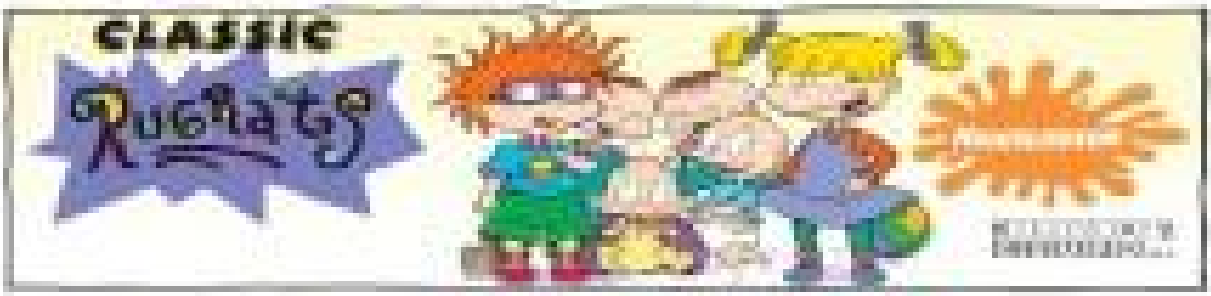






















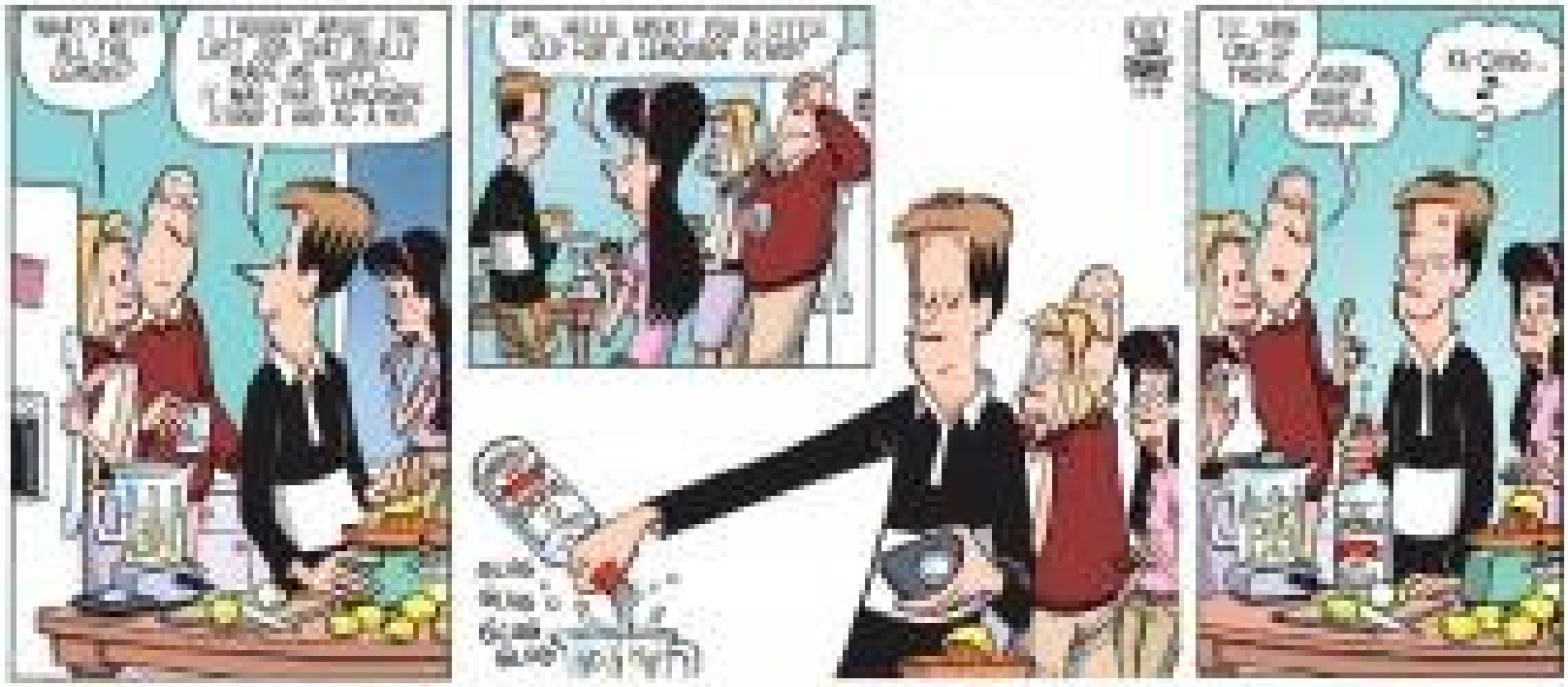






DUSTIN

BY STEVE KELLEY & JEFF PARKER










Mort Walker's
beetle bailey
THE TROUBLE WITH COOKIES MEANHEARTS IS HE DOESN'T HAVE COOKIES
FORTUNATELY I DON'T NEED COOKIES COOKIES
SOMEONE WAS IN OUR OFFICE LAST NIGHT!
LOOK AT MY COOKIE JAR!
THEY REALLY MADE A MESS! CLEAN IT UP!
AND THROW OUT ALL THOSE COOKIES!
THROW THEM ALL OUT?!
YES! YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT FILTHY GERM-RIDDEN LITTLE BEASTS HAVE BEEN IN HERE!
YUK! I NEVER REALIZED I COULD BE EATING THOSE GUYS' GERMS!!
BLONDIE
DAD, CAN'T I STILL HAVE MY FRIENDS OVER?
NOT WHEN YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE?
I KNOW, BUT THE MOVIE JOB FELL THROUGH!
YOU GOT ME THE MOVIE JOB?
YESTERDAY I KNOW THAT I PROMISED TO PAINT THE GUEST ROOM TODAY BUT I TOLD HERB TO GO BOWLING WITH HIM
AND PROMISE I'LL PAINT THE GUEST ROOM NEXT WEEKEND
I DREAM! I'M DREAMING!
SO I'M OFF TO THE BOWLING ALLEY FOR A FEW HOURS
HERE I GO. I'M BALANCING OUT THE GOOD I'LL BE BACK SOON
HERE I GO! I'M GONE NOW!
IT'S SO AMAZING HOW THEY CAN DO THAT WITHOUT SAYING A WORD!


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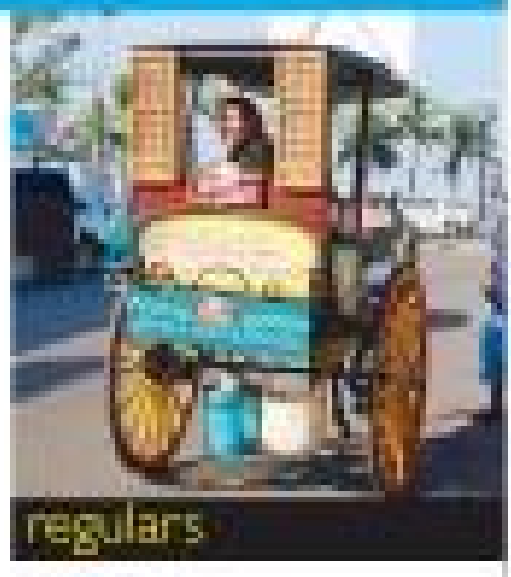
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Dr. Hercules J. Santos

Reconciliation — God's answer

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.
2 Corinthians 5:20

During the Korean conflict in the early 1950s, a North Korean teenage soldier, in a fit of rage and anger, took another Korean youth and executed him in front of his family. Later the same youth was captured by South Korean soldiers and the mother and father of the boy who had been killed were called upon to identify the young man.

Yes, this was the boy who had killed their son/brother. Yes, it was the boy who had pulled the trigger. But surprisingly, the parents pleaded for his life. "He was angry and he didn't know what he was doing. Let us have the boy and send him to a place of his own."

A surprised and somewhat bewildered military tribunal gave them their request, and the rebuking youth was released with the parents of the boy who lost his life. Today, almost wholeheartedly, that person is a Korean pastor. In that sense, he found forgiveness and he found God.

Forgiving is important, but it is redemption that brings good dividends, whether it is one who has wronged you, your husband or wife, your son or daughter, or your parents.

Going beyond forgiveness is always costly in terms of swallowing humility, in terms of relinquishing any hatred and even desire to hurt the one who has hurt us.

I think of restoration as opening the door to your husband or wife who has wronged you, or allowing the teenager who disappointed you to eat at your table, forgiven and restored to a place in the family.

"Praise be to the name of God forever and ever; wisdom and power are his. He changes times and seasons; he sets up kings and deposes them. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning. He reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what lies in darkness, and light dwells with him. I thank and praise you, O God of my fathers..."

Daniel 2:20–23a



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By Ma. Anna Q. del Mundo

GENERATIONS OF GOOD TASTE

IN A CULTURE WHERE everyone is accorded family – tito and tita, kuya and ate, pare and mare – no one can be more "feeling close" than the woman affectionately known by all Filipinos as Mama Sita.

From her birth into culinary royalty in her forays into the city as the fresh but very good enterprise in becoming a well-known pair of Dirksonia, Mama Sita – the woman and the brand – has truly become a Manila icon.

Teresita Reyes – who would later become the famed Mama Sita – was never a stranger to the culinary business. Her mother, Segunda Reyes, is the great Aling Asiang behind the iconic Aristocrat restaurants.

Mama Sita grew up helping in the kitchen and accompanying her mother to the market. At a young age, she already started to learn the ins and outs of running a food enterprise.

Aside from cooking skills, "Mama Sita inherited from her mother a passion for cooking," says communications officer Cris Reyes-Lacson, a passion that obviously captured her heart. "She did not believe in shortcuts but respected the flavors of her ingredients by allowing them to cook slowly to bring out their natural delicious goodness."

Married to Rafel Reyes, Mama Sita helped support her family at 11 with her own food business. She started selling lamb kaldereta and relleno to students at St. Theresa's College, her alma mater. She also sold food at the Ateneo canteen when the campus was still on Padre Faura, and at De La Salle College on Taft Avenue, both in Manila. From what the Ateneo moved its campus to Loyola Heights in Quezon City, Mama Sita would make the long commute from Manila to sell her famous kaldereta there.

To this day, Mama Sita's buyer continues with the company's variety of classic and new recipes. With today's fast-paced lifestyle, she knows the time is pressed to cook, let alone let dishes

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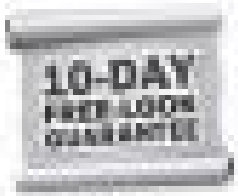
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Generations...
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mixture and flavors slowly develop over a long period of time. But, with Mama Sita still looking after her "environment" family, the company allows calves and cavans that bring the full flavor and comfort of a homemade meal without the hours staring over a hot stove.

Among those on task and closely aware of well-loved tasty foley dishes like menudo, mechado, caldereta, and kare-kare.

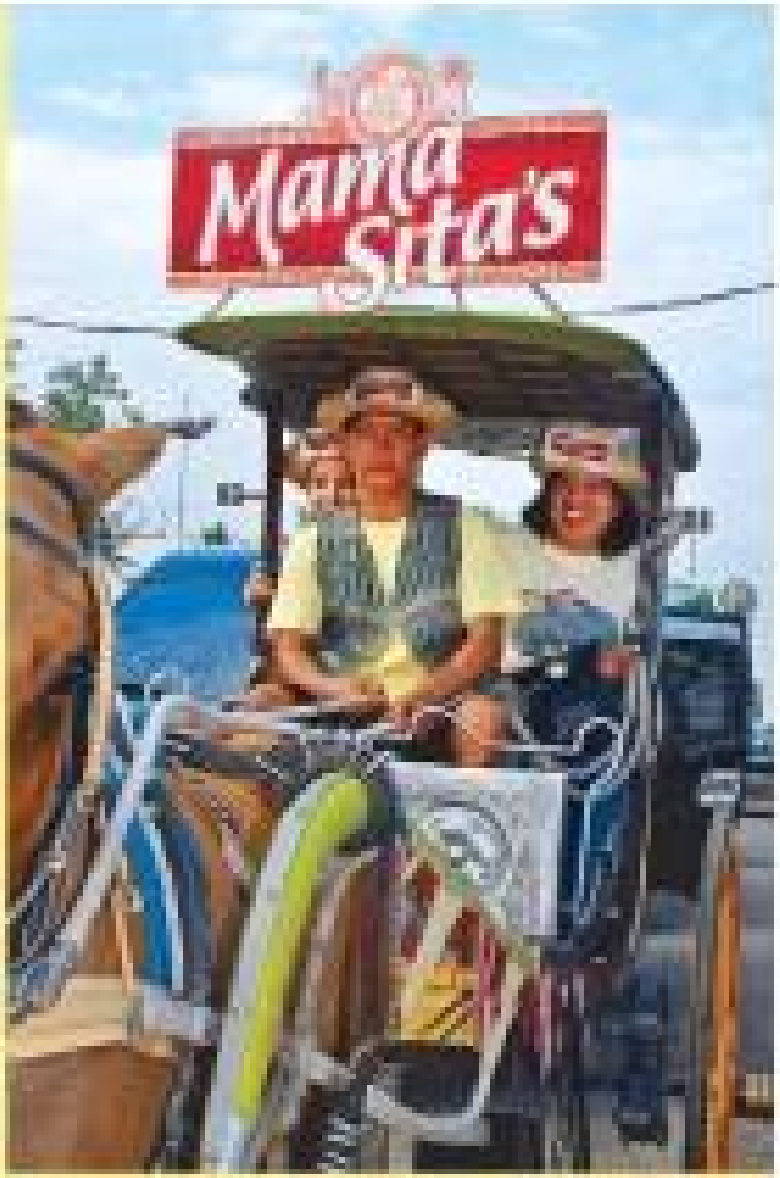
Reaching out even further, the Mama Sita Foundation extends care to the very source of its ingredients – the farmers.

The foundation collaborates constantly with scientists and different organizations to come up with ways to grow better produce. Among their projects that have had positive results is the "Lab Cabbage." Done in partnership with UP Los Baños, the Philippine Council for Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Resources Research and Development (PCAARRD), the Department of Agriculture, and the office of former senator Ramon Magsaysay Jr., the project involves introducing new cultivation techniques, resulting in more than, according to their conclusion, "four (4) percent more yield" and therefore "has high potential especially for the peri-urban areas."

The foundation, together with its partners, has also studied the benefits of introducing and transplanting a mixed banana plant, observing how it fared on local soil. The results yielded a new dwarf banana that produces more than the ordinary kind and takes less time from transplant to harvest. The group dubbed it the "Mama Sita Banana."

Similar positive results have been observed from the foundation's research on the "Mama Sita Makopa," a variety that is comparable to that grown in Malaysia. With the plant being easy to propagate, the group reports that it is something that can be developed in the Philippines with excellent results and that flowering of the plant can be managed to make makopa available all year round.

From carrying on the legacy of the "mommies" of Filipino households, to the care she put into cooking her delicious food, to trying to improve the livelihood of farmers who produce the ingredients she uses, Mama Sita has really become a mother figure for many. She will continue to tickle the taste buds of many more Filipinos, delivering generations of good taste for many, many years to come.









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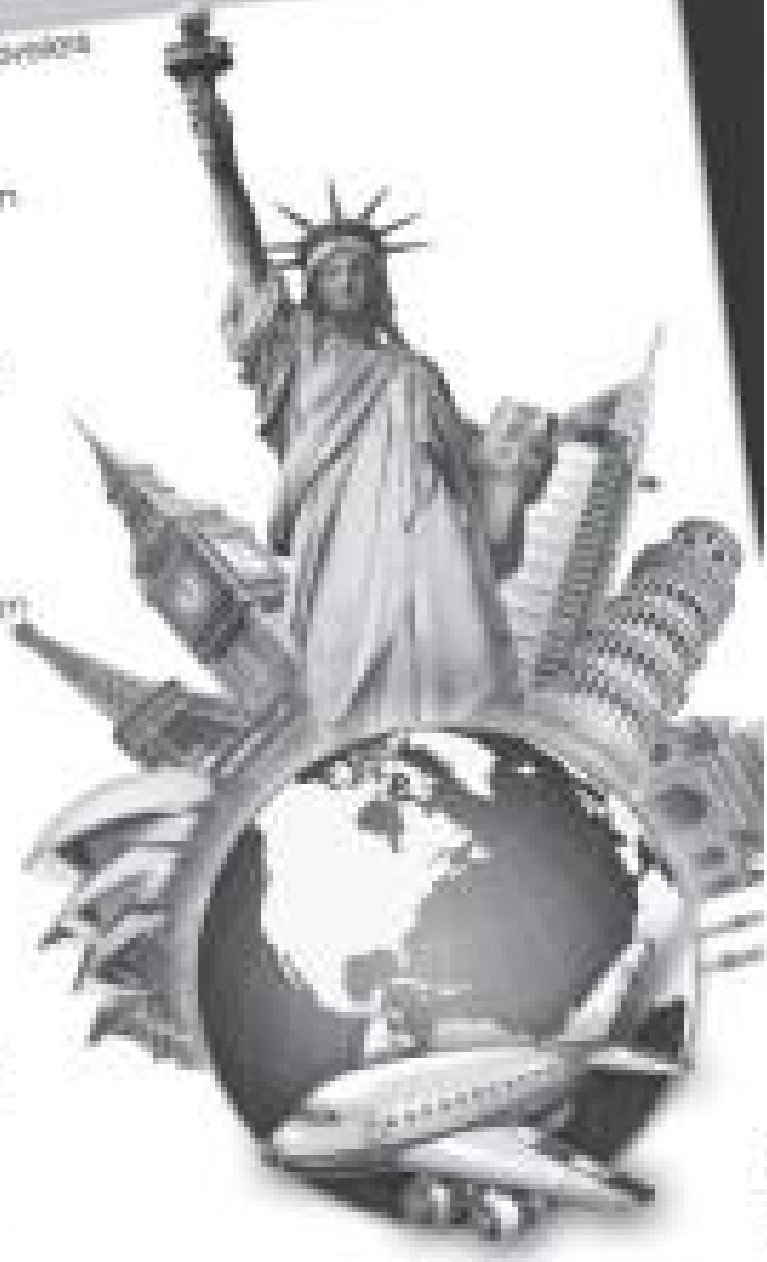
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Text and photos by Rita Jacquez

"TAGALOG CERTAINLY DOES not capture it all, for 'panglao' means 'gloom' and yet Bluewater Panglao Beach Resort is the radical opposite," declares my self-proclaimed Tagalista friend, as we were returning to our table with a plastic of local delicacies in one hand and a mango lollipop in the other to signal the almost-end of our sumptuous lunch and breezy lazy afternoon.

On the idyllic beachfront of Bohol, which a number of travel experts have agreed "is the complete destination in the Philippines," every corner is touched by light and every guest and visitor feels light upon leaving all the weight of worries at the entrance of the property.





Ride-sharing, white-sand beaches, and the beach. Accommodations (clockwise) offer unforgettable

A NEW LIGHT OF LUXURY IN BOHOL

"In this sense" – she was still in it, the cost of largest pot of water – "Bluewater Panglao Beach Resort has come in contact with the Tagalog term 'magkaiba' which is a kind of guiding tool or illustration." Who was it a Chinese, to disagree? I simply nodded. She called it hieroglyphic.

The newest addition to the ever-growing Bluewater family of resorts, owned by the amiable and likeable couple Antonio "Tonino" Aboitiz and Bluewater Group Council of the Philippines, and his wife the gracious Maria Montelibano Aboitiz – both with roots in Bohol – and ably run by the always-on-the-go daughter, Julia Aboitiz-Vergara and supported by son-in-law Yo Vergara and not another daughter here to without a doubt, a welcome new venture to the fast-developing tourist hotspot – we could spot in this instance – that is the Visayas.

Aboard on business in total, the beautiful chic-to-relax hotel-island resort takes pride not only in its full Filipino ownership and staff, but also in its distinctly Filipino design, courtesy of globally renowned architect-interior designer Royal Reyes, best known for his architecture creations made of recycled wood.

"There is a feel of luxurious sophistication, but I can assure you not 'stuffy,'" he says at the place. "The atmosphere is kept friendly, comfortable and warm."

Like the dream's vision brought by his artistic hands that now enjoy a near-cult following, much of the property Bluewater claims one of secluded white sand beach, old trees – no, not the antique brown Bohol is famous for – no longer in use, to inject them with a new and vibrant functionality, giving the locals, a refreshing touch that myself really notice the hard traveler who has come to the resort for rest and relaxation.

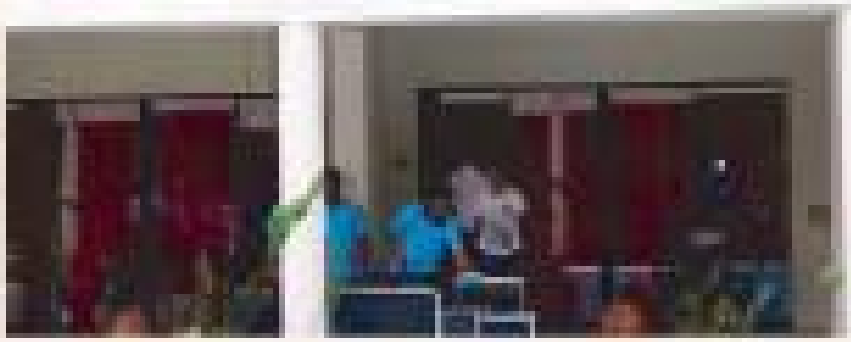
The design and architectural concept that incorporate its Filipino-ness compliments as well the cultural charm and eco-tourist attractions in Bohol, adding to its array of seemingly endless treasures – both natural wonders and historical landmarks, not to mention the songs and dances, rituals and traditions of the Boholanos, such as the iconic Chocolate Hills, the rich-dry and lovable tarsiers – hands off, please! – the dancers of Cuenta and Baclayon, the Loboc and Loay rivers, the Baliscong dive sites, the Danao Adventure Park... and the list goes on and on.

Yes, the Isle on Indigay and hospitality pioneer Philippine at our ingenuity.

The resorts crafted not only by the choicest of native and innovative white sand beaches, but also by pristine marine sanctuaries – just some 50 meters from the beach line – jointly protected by the municipality of Panglao and the Department of Energy and Natural

More pages, please





Romantic.

The list goes well with the notion that the natural contours of the beachfront have remained untouched. Jim Ivins insists on terrestrial that otherwise could have spoiled the beauty nature has proudly established on this part of the archipelago. Visits also to enjoy the blessings of the Filipino, it not by promoting the without-commercial influence, the way it has been and the way it has always been?

With 54 rooms – an deluxe pool view, two family lofts, three two-storey villas and one family villa – the resort is expansive enough to give one a feeling of loneliness and a wonder in open islands, but it is also simultaneously small enough to give a feeling of exclusivity and privacy. And I need only add to the privilege of having the "Sinking Pool" – a striking feature in this villa – condensed into what's now as each room's centerpiece.

Guided adventure and ecological tours may be availed of and the island activities as tracked as whale and dolphin watching, snorkeling and diving, sailing and kiteboarding and even fishing are viable options for any tourist in search of leisure and fun.

"Each activities," proclaims Margot Manzanal, Bluewater Resorts vice president for sales, "likewise make the resort an exciting venue for tropical weddings, romantic private dinners and beach parties."

As an all-Filipino concept with an all-Filipino design that runs on all-Filipino hospitality and service, Bluewater Panglao Beach Resort is definitely a Philippine jewel. That such a property can be constructed and maintained by an all-Filipino ownership and management is a source for ignored delight, as in an area not only in the nation's wealth of natural resources – at which the island of Bohol alone is already full of – but, more importantly, in the country's wealth of people, whose gifted imaginations and dreamers' hard work can convey a tropical paradise such as this.





A deluxe suite overlooking the swimming pool at the Bluewater Panglao Beach Resort; the resort's pool bar (opposite page, top); and a typical suite (opposite page, bottom)

For more information on Bluewater Resorts, please contact Margot Manzanal at the sales and marketing office at (632) 897-0000.

By Raul Rogelio Asis

AFTER A LONG – AFICIONADOS CRY "TOO long!" – dormancy, the opera scene in Manila bursts forth with life this year with not one, not even two, but three productions, all at the Cultural Center of the Philippines.

Kicking off the opera frenzy is "La Traviata" on March 2, 3 and 4, in a unique joint production among the Cultural Center, the Opera Guild Foundation of the Philippines, and the Daejeon Opera Company of Korea.

"La Traviata, which literally means 'The Fallen Woman,' is an Italian opera in three acts composed by Giuseppe Verdi and set to an Italian libretto by Francesco Maria Piave. Following the story of a beautiful but troubled prostitute, the opera is best remembered for the widely celebrated "Libiamo ne'lieti calici" ("The Drinking Song"), "Addio, Passato" and "Sempre Libera."

La Traviata will be a grand international experience for Manila audiences as Korea's opera luminaries and the country's leading vocalists take center stage. The lead roles of Violetta, Germont and Alfredo will have two casts – the Korean cast led by multi-awarded soprano Yon-Kyoung Yi, baritone Dae-Soo Ko and tenor Lee-Kwok Lee, and the Filipino cast led by acclaimed soprano Rachelle Gonzalez, host-baritone Andrew Fernando, and tenor Arthur Espiritu.

The Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra (PPO), under the baton of Korean conductor Lee Seung Lee, will provide the orchestral accompaniment, while the internationally acclaimed CNT Singers will render choral support. Rhyl Quarters will direct the production with set and costume design by Edu Cruz.

OCF president Raul Sunico is delighted to have the Italian opera make its mark in the local opera scene. "We always considered opera as the most complete form of musical production, because it combines singing, acting, musicians, sets, costumes," he explains. "And opera here hasn't been active for some time."

Sunico, a highly acclaimed concert pianist, believes that many people want opera to be alive again in the Philippines. It gives local artists, especially voice people,



Rachelle Gonzalez



Yon-Kyoung Yi



Lee-Kwok Lee

Opera HITS A HIGH NOTE

the opportunity to appear in other operas because all these vocal artists sing roles, and they have never been part of a real full-length production of which sets are [illegible] and paced. For our community, it's a chance for them to be exposed and to fully appreciate the opera."

Preparations for the project are in high gear. "We are having the sets done here," Suarez adds. "The costumes will be something close to a formal setting but necessarily traditional, since traditional costumes are expensive."

But, he clarifies, "we will be faithful to the score, both the orchestration, and the singing."

Korean conductor Lee [illegible] kind words for the Filipino artists. "I also see the Filipinos' passion to play music," he says. "I'd rather work with Filipino musicians because they love listening, and they understand every phrase of what I'm trying to explain. Filipino musicians do only what I'm saying exactly and they improve. I'm so impressed."



Conductor [illegible] Lee

Lee adds, "I think in the near future the Filipinos will be the best musicians all over the world."

The title role of Violetta will be performed by Korean soprano Sun Kyoung [illegible] and Filipino soprano Rachelle Gerodias.

[illegible] is a first prize winner of the [illegible] International Voice Competition in Italy, she has performed the lead parts in "La Traviata," "Lucia di Lammermoor," "Rigoletto," and "La Boheme," among others. She is currently a visiting professor at her alma mater Kyunghee University.

"She's an awesome and artistic soprano," Lee proudly says of his fellow countryman. "I think the audience will be enthralled by her performance."

Gerodias is one of the Philippines' most awarded sopranos. She received her Master's Degree in Vocal Performance and Vocal Literature from the famed Mannes School of Music in New York. She made her European debut in the role of Liu in Puccini's "Turandot" at the Volksoper Wien in Vienna, Austria.

For the role of Germont, Korean baritone [illegible] No and Filipino bass baritone Andrew Fernando are set to ignite the stage. No's opera credits include the title role in "Falstaff" and "Rigoletto." He has won numerous awards, including the Placido Domingo Fellowship Award of the Academy of Vocal Arts.

Fernando is an Opera Pacific resident artist for which he has sung many roles, including Friedrich Bhaer in "Little Women", Marullo in "Rigoletto", Masetto in "Don Giovanni."

Korean tenor [illegible] Lee and Filipino-American tenor Arthur Espiritu take on the role of Alfredo.



Arthur Espiritu

Lee has performed in various concerts all over the world, including the Philippines, and is an award winning singer, having bagged top prizes in the Montserrat Caballe, [illegible] and [illegible] international vocal competitions.

Espiritu is the winner of the [illegible] George London Award and the La Scala Award. He makes a much anticipated debut on the CCP stage with this production.

Suarez hopes the event will serve as a boost for [illegible] as well. "Operas are few and far between," he says, "and one of the reasons why there are so few operas in the Philippines is, first of all, because of the expense involved in the production. Secondly, sometimes we don't have enough artists to fill the roles, and thirdly, the logistics of the production are formidable since there are many people that are involved. Fourthly, it's because opera is a relatively unknown art form in the Philippines. We would like this to be a production also for the people to be exposed and to appreciate opera."

With productions of "Madame Butterfly" in June and "Barber of Seville" in July, opera will most likely gain a vigorous following in Manila.



Sun Kyoung [illegible]

For information on La Traviata and other productions, call the CCP Box Office at [illegible] or [illegible] loc. [illegible].



Andrew Fernando

Ateneo Law School at 75

Honoring its Diamonds

By Christian Dirilen

AS THE ATENEO LAW SCHOOL CELEBRATES its 75th year of existence, students were treated to a special night of elegance and excellence.

Last Feb. 4, at the Manila Polo Club in Makati, 250 students came in their best gala attire to celebrate the achievements of some of the most outstanding members of the law school community in Ateneo's first ever Diamond Ball.

The Diamond Ball celebrated the achievements of the school's most prominent alumni, many of whom have greatly contributed to the legal community and to society in general. The honorees included such luminaries as Justice Adolfo Azcuna (Ret.), Secretary Cesar Villanueva, Atty. Tamano, Justice Romero, Marilyn Manuel, Andrew Fenton, and Fr. Joaquin Bernas.

The event likewise recognized the achievements of its students and its various student organizations.

The ball also served as a fund-raising activity for the student council's project to help provide public school students with food, aptly called the Blue Plate Feeding Program.

While the presentation of honorees constituted the more formal aspect of the proceedings, the ball also registered some of the more traditional aspects typical of a fit prom.

The event started with a procession from Ateneo's premier dance organization, Salsa. There was thereafter a coronation of the ball king and queen, as well as the ring and claw of the night. Later in the evening, the dance floor opened up to accommodate those who wished to share the night away.

The Diamond Ball provided a rare opportunity for the various members of the law school community to come together and celebrate in spite of the formidable workload faced by each student, everyone took the time to attend this festive gathering, inviting faculty, alumni and students to relax, reminisce their old batchmates, classmates and schoolmates and become part of the Law school experience.







A LEADING BODY: Dean Marvic Leonen receives his gift from Atty. Rico Quicho, while the chairman, Atty. Patricio Alfonso (3rd), Dr. Ateneo pres. Fr. Antonio Ezra Nebres, director for enrollment, Atty. Ador Navarro, and moderator Atty. Mayen Constantino look on.



Ball King and Queen Atty. Jason and Mikaela Rodriguez-Abaya, Dean Leonen, School alumni Justice Cardenas, Ignacio, the event's MC.

ON THE TABLE OF *Jim Thompson*

By Lydia D. Castillo

WE KNEW OF JIM THOMPSON, THE WEALTHY American who settled in Bangkok, Thailand after serving the military at the end of World War 2, as the genius behind the exquisite woven Thai silk made into beautiful clothes and accessories for the Queen and some of the world's most prominent women. We knew he disappeared mysteriously in the jungles of the Cameron Highlands in Malaysia, never to be found.

In My Basket

But we didn't know that he was a great social animal, a man who loved giving dinners and parties, each time ordering carefully about all dishes to his exclusive guests, much like Pearl Mesta and our own Tita Conching Gandara.

That was until our last visit to Bangkok a fortnight ago when we dropped in on the old Jim Thompson house and museum. From the river adjacent to the original house we bought the book titled "At the Table of Jim Thompson," written by a lady who had been his guest at many dinners and parties.

The Thai buildings, surrounded by lush foliage, are on the banks of the Klong (canal) Mahe Nag on Rama Road I, Road.

Thai food, typically very spicy with the use of herbs and spices, was always the highlight of a Thompson meal. Our guests were talked to be overwhelmed by the art pieces collected from other countries and placed ingeniously around the house.

There are three Jim Thompson restaurants now in Bangkok, we belong to the complex. Clients of the company considered in recreating the dishes he served with a mission to preserve the classic food and ambiance of what were once the glory days of a man who could never be forgotten.

Original Thai dishes, retaining their flavor and texture, have now been mixed with the current fusion cuisine of Thai-Muslim and Thai-Continental. They are meant for easy translation in man's home if only the foods is available here. They include the tried and true noodles with nuts, broccoli and tofu all not many dishes but with deep-fried catfish and shrimp with chicken curry.

After Thompson disappeared, the Thai royal appointed an administrator for his property and subsequently the Jame H. W. Thompson Foundation was legally established for the preservation of Thai art and culture. The Foundation supports research, publication and museum work and its goal.

Sightseeing, dining and shopping are the "must" activities in Bangkok and its environs. We did them all. We were awed by the massive multi-storey food emporia, among which is the high-end Siam Paragon, where the gourmet supermarket in the basement is an incredibly huge bonus of food-stuff coming from far lands in the world and overseas. The very popular Food Court with mango and coconut juice is available in tube-form fruits. They sell a wide selection of rice – plain, brown, even black.



Bangkok has many tuk-tuks carrying tourists

The open markets are at the Tops Market in the Central chain and some are in the Villa Market in the Nichada Country Club, where we got some of the Thai sauces we prized that, we sure soup and sweet chicken.

Name the cuisine: Bangkok has it. At Rana Nai Baan Master Kitchen, we sampled real Iranian cooked food – barbecued tenderloin with garlic, chicken fillet coated with crispy batter like dish, dipped in mango sauce, roasted pork rack. A delicious Chinese meal is served in the MK Gold restaurant in Paragon, while in Central, the Nakorn Kyoto provides Japanese small dishes on a carousel.

A seven-mile activity is the drive to Ayutthaya, the Indian capital, where we were awed by the temples, many ruins and young Buddha statues in various worshipping positions, one walking, sitting, back stretched, lion on back and what is permitted at the Elephant Park where guests can either feed or ride the elephants. Back in the city, a good buy is silver jewelry.





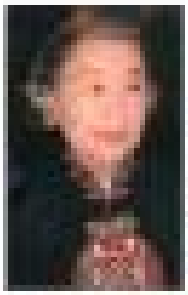


Clockwise from upper left: Roasted pork, green curry, fried rice, spicy rice cake and the fabled "At the Table of Jim Thompson" cookbook

We suspect that the foreign items here in the Philippines come from Bangkok where restaurateurs can get tops at four-star-1 cost at about P170, and a world-market product at Thailand, handbags for less than P700 each. Needless to say, our collection will also have the pleasure of taking home quite a few items.

Going around Bangkok is either by private car, taxi or tuk-tuk, which are now motorized golf cars. Luckily, our hosts, twelve persons Celine, Elke and our Pangkor, guided us through this much-appreciated tour.

As we drove to the airport to take our flight back to Manila, we recalled with fond memories – sad memories of it – the impressive architecturally and aesthetic design of the modern Suvarnabhumi Airport. Ours seems like just a wing of the huge complex that both satisfies or replies – again something we feel so sad about in connection with our own retired figures. But we can move and really believe "It's more fun in the Philippines!"



ROSALINDA L. ORCINA

Table Talk

Lourdes 'debuts' at 88!



Lourdes de la Rama Gonzales Gala who broke [fourteen than 88] made her "debut" recently, dancing with partners who eagerly lined up and cut in on each other (see photos).

This was at Lourdes' remarkable birthday celebration at the Turf Room of the Manila Polo Club where family members and friends – who call her Lucholo – were marvelously entertained by a terrific band, talented singers Tata Poblador, Zenaida Celebran, Tierry de la Rama and Honorio Poblador III (Lourdes' grandnephew and nephew, respectively) and guitarist Jack Celebran. Every daughter, Jeanette served as emcee.

The game "True and False" devised by Jeanette proved highly amusing. As the leader announced "Lourdes was a well-behaved little girl in school", the players shouted: "False! Because Lourdes was always being punished by the nuns for talking."

When the huge birthday cake was wheeled in, imagine the riot that ensued when the crowd of relatives and friends scampered, vying with each other to pose beside Lourdes for pictures – thus suggesting how much they love her.

The ballroom dancing was just as vicarious, with the little children trying to outdo the grown-ups, e.g., each time a boy of about four would thrust his hands forward, his partner would go into a spin.

The party was briefly interrupted with Lourdes distributing elegant pamphlets recounting her past travails. She was widowed twice: her first husband Jake Gonzales met a fatal car accident at 31; her second husband Ignacio Gala had a similarly untimely end. But Lourdes weathered the storms of life bravely.

Soon, the Turf Room was re-echoing with cheers and laughter. The revelry resumed, with Lourdes' warmth, spirit and charm beguiling guests. Through the evening, the honoree displayed more stamina than anyone else – as indeed a "debutante" should.



Lourdes with Alexis, one of Tata Poblador's sons-in-law



Lourdes' family: daughters-in-law Lou, with grandson Mel; grandaughters Claire; daughters Annette, Lourdes, daughter Chino and son-in-law Manny



Above: "Debutante" Lourdes dancing with son-in-law Manny Obregon; grandson Mel Obregon; nephew Honorio Poblador III and nephew Kikong de la Rama



Tata Poblador got thunderous applause singing "La Vie en Rose" in French



Right: The Delgado sisters, Pilar Garcia, Mila Diego, Amelia Alonzo and Tessie Villalon. Far right: Angelita Gonzales Johnston, Lourdes' classmate in Assumption College and housemate in apartment

MUSIC

CONCERT AT THE PARK
Feb. 19 Filipino-Chinese cultural festival. Feb. 20 Pet Arts Festival. Shows at 5 pm. Rizal Park Open Air Auditorium, Luneta, Manila)

CASINO FILIPINO
Love Tour featuring Kiti and the Pagpoor 5. Feb. 21 Bacolod. Feb. 22 Cebu. Feb. 23 Davao. Feb. 27 Iloilo. Feb. 28 Olongapo. Feb. 29 Hardage. Shows at 8 pm. // 552-7700

JAZZ FESTIVAL
Subic de Nang's international jazz festival. Schedule: Feb. 20 St. Juliana (Phil.), J. Hollands (Aus), A. Sagrad (Mex) and T. Lipana (Phil). Feb. 21 C. Dalmaso (Phil) and Randa Shaheen (Egy). Feb. 22 C. Hoiver (France) and F. Gottfried (Israel). Feb. 23 D. Fujimura (USA), T. Kennedy (USA), A. Lagerman (USA), K. Lattke (USA) and P. Scheigel (USA). Feb. 27 G. Portillo (USA). Feb. 28 R. Avendaño (Phil). Ms endurance fee required. (The Peninsula Hotel, Makati) // 897-2680

TREE NA NATUTO
A musical experience that transforms Shakespeare's comedy into Filipino songs featuring 12 Filipino poets translating the words and artists musicians composing and performing the tunes. Feb. 22, 29 and March 7 at the Pinto Theatre Cafe (Cityland Condo, Rose Mansion, QC) // 7725-8244

JAM 4 CDO
Jett Pangan, Yeng Constantino, True Faith, Kitchie Nadal, Rico, Rico Puno, Lougee, Jimmy Marquez and Nina Jurado on Feb. 23, 6 pm at Bogobende Bar (Rizal Blvd., Pasay) // 804-0689

TRIO AND TRIPLE
Pianist Cristine Cuyugo together with cellist Jen Allen and violinist Michael Emery will be performing the Beethoven's Triple Concerto with Maestro Chino Toledo conducting the Metro Manila Concert Orchestra at the Insular Life Auditorium (Alabang) on Feb. 23 and at the Francisco Santiago Hall, BDO (Makati) on Feb. 24. Shows at 5 pm. // 813-1909

INT'L BAMBOO ORGAN FESTIVAL
Feb. 23 to 29 at St. Joseph Parish Church (Las Piñas City). Shows at 8 pm. // 811-1656

CHAMBER MUSIC IN PROGRESS
The Canon Chamber Orchestra with the Philharmonic at CCP on Feb. 24, 8 pm at the CCP Little Theater; pre-concert performance at the lobby at 7:15 pm. Guest is soprano Joanna Go. (Roxas Blvd.) // 832-1125

PPO AUDITIONS
For violinist concentration on Feb. 24, 1:30 pm and orchestra member (solo) auditions on March 23, 1 pm to be held at Cultural Center of the Phils. (Roxas Blvd.) // 832-1125 ex. 1606 to 08

THE GREATEST HITS TOUR
Featuring Gian Jett Simmons of IDF, on Feb. 25, 8 pm at Rizal Araneta Coliseum (Araneta Center, Cubao, QC) // 911-5555

PHIL INT'L JAZZFEST
Feb. 25 featuring A. Bennett Beatpack, D. Fuentes, J. Redlands, T. Manalo, Manila Poets Confederation and Youth. Feb. 26 A. Lagerman, ABP Big Band, A. Manuding, C. Rotella, C. Soriano, C. Cipriani, The Company, D. Farrera, D. Egger & Dancers, J. Tiangco // Barbados, K. Lattke, R. Castañeda, P. Gonzales, K. Rhoades, Quartet, T. Kuberg, T. Rivera, T. Dancel, Trio Cinqueno. Shows at 6 pm at Rockwell Tent, Powerplant Mall (Makati). // 891-9999

THEATER

BATTALIA REAL
Directed by Jaqui Lavares in collaboration with Australian playwright David Finnigan, inspired by Kaushiku Takami's Japanese cult classic masterpiece, *Battle Royale*. Featuring the Ryad Lasan Ensemble and 12 University Theatre Companions. Feb. 21 to 23, shows at 7:30 pm at the CCP Pinoneerde (Roxas Blvd.). Free. // 832-1125

FIREFLIES
A contemporary play about four couples who seek authentic human relationships, a love story of an unusual kind. Presented by Tanghalang Ateneo. Feb. 22 to 25, shows at 7 pm at the Rizal Mini Theater (ADMU, QC) // 9922-9952919

HANSEL & GRETEL
Presented by Kids Act Plus., adapted from the book by Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm. Feb. 25, 3 pm and 6 pm at the St. Cecilia's Hall, St. Scholastica's College d., Quezon St., Intramuros, Manila). // 756-1551

LEADING LADIES
Repertory Philippines presents the hilarious hit comedy written by Ken Ludwig. Directed Richard Williams and starring sophisticated and reasonable men and women caught in their lives. Run until March 4, shows at 8 pm (Friday) and 5:30 pm (Sat/Sun) at Onstage, Greenbelt 1 (Makati). // 571-6026

HARING LEAR
PETA and director Manos Pacilla revive Shakespeare's beautiful and devastating themes of love, madness, death and rebellion thru this masterpiece, *Haring Lear*. Runs every Fri (7 pm), Sat and Sun (18 and 3 pm) until March 4 at Pinto Theater Center (Cityland Condo, Rose Mansion, QC). // 725-6244

RIVALRY
Abbey Lo Suite "The Musical". The season for the poetry becomes clear. What is it? Ongoing at the Mezzanine Theater and run until March 11 with 8 pm shows every Wed, Thurs, Fri and Sat, and 2 pm shows on Sat and Sun. (Makati Ave., Ortigas Center, Pasay) // 891-9999

VISUAL ARTS

GMS MUSED NG SINING
Pangkasan Sapuan with C. Aviz, M. Esperanza, L. Arbasa and A. Habo Bengil their artworks until March 3. *On the Trail Blazed by the Pioneers*: Timeless works of the UST's pioneers of modern art together with the contemporary works of the next generation of "wordsmiths" until March 31. (UST Campus, Roxas Blvd., Pasay) // 658-1081

METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF MANILA
One Day in the City: Photo exhibit focusing on Pasay City by the student photographers from the DLS-CSB AB Photography program until March 31. *Aura*: Iconography: A conversation between seven from the ROCO Collection and selected from the 18th to 19th century religious paintings from the BSP Collection. Until April 15. (BSP Complex, Roxas Blvd.) // 525-3613

CULTURAL CENTER OF THE PHIL
Roberto Chabet's *To Be Continued* exhibit at various CCP venues until Mar. 31. *Basic Driving Misconceptions*: Set (until Feb. 29.) *Alphabet Jazzists*: Philippine folktales classic and tales by folk classic groups from schools, communities and organizations. Every Wed. (until Feb. 29) at the Main Promenade & Kuwan Park, shows at 4 pm. (Roxas Blvd.) // 832-1125

LOPEZ MUSEUM
Tabo: a new video installation by Roberto Chabet on the third to the last of a series of

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exhibitions for 2011, inspired by the opening chapter of Jean Rizal's novel *El Filibusterismo*. Alongside this is Pablo Bolanos-Perez's *24 P Chapter* videos that show the process of art making reduced to a step-by-step, connect-the-dots, point-by-number's exercise. Until April 16. (Bantayog Road cor Rizal) // 431-2417

BENCAB MUSEUM
Chinese Ren Fest Plenty: A World of Hand Made: Taiwanese artists and their contemporary works inspired by the Chinese zodiac signs until Feb. 20. Photography workshop with Tibak Nehga on Mar 19 2-4 Registration closes on Feb. 28. (Km. 6 Asin Road, Tuba, Baguio City) // (074) 442-1165

MUSEUM OF ART AND DESIGN
Paliksalitima: R. Consuelo, B. Fernandez, B. Florido, F. Applicido, I. Sweetlikmanos, J. Lee, M. Valdezmo, S. Palomar and P. Buddapan until Feb. 28. (DLS-CSB School of Design and Arts, 556 P. Ocampo St., Malate) // 536-0752

UP VARGAS MUSEUM
Liwanag by Lino Salvador until Feb. 20. Old and recent works interpreted as "weapon of social consciousness". (UP Diliman, QC) // 928-1927

BEAUTY AS I SEE IT
Pastel pastels of 7 divas women by Arnelia Medina Davies at the Shangri-La Plaza Mall (Mandaluyong) until Feb. 27

HOW GALLERY
A Pause in the Conspiracy C. Almog, V. Bowat, I. Cabangbang, M. Tabigue, I. Medina and P. Abad until Feb. 22. (2360 C. Raval Ave. Ext., Makati) // 810-3681

WATER DRAGON GALLERY
The Romantic Lei Desire Erotic Anxiety: Paintings by Marcel Antonio, featuring love poems by Ito de Veyto until Feb. 20. (Nutrimega Museum, #236 Pedro Makati) // 896-1234

ROMANTA 11: BREAKSCAPES
New mixed media by Maria Victoria Rufino at The Peninsula Hotel (Makati) Feb. 22 to 27

GALLERIA DUEMILA
Decorated Pinoy Paintings, 80 works and installations by Jose Tetoc Ruiz until Feb. 20. (218 Leviste St., Salcedo) // 891-8946

ATENEO DE MANILA UNIVERSITY
Photonark Area Our Plant Exhibit of portraits of old Manila until Feb. 28. (AEMM, Rockwell Area, Loyola Hts.) (OC)

SILVERADA GALLERY
Nude # 1: Bulosa, R. Ortega, R. Valdez, L. Chua, P. Lasagas, R. Martinez, J. Magat, D. Bata, A. Lawsin, G. Martin and T. Tanny until March 3. (1021 Chuzzetta St., Sta. Cruz, Manila)

GALERIE ANNA
Young Abstr'ky Chinese Figat and Unplugged Gardening: By Wilfredo Abadan until Feb. 27. *At Just Union*: Floral abstraction by Louie Ignacio, Feb. 20 to March 4. (881 Mergenthaler, Mandaluyong)

ALLIANCE FRANCAISE DE MANILLE
Alexandre Liberation by Grace Kalaghan at Tutai Hotel until March 8. (209 N. Garcia St., Bel Air 2, Makati) // 895-1580

NOVA GALLERY
Sunbeam: Various works which play around the idea of faces, or the lack thereof or view and stands 9. (La Fuerza Compound, 2241 D. Chino Roces Ave., Makati) // 302-1704

DEPT. OF AVANT-GARDE CLICHES
Los Usos Inevitable by Dato Gonzales until March 10 (2288 Pasong Tamo Ext., Makati) // 817-3040

MAG:NET GALLERY
What Was I Thinking? by Anthony Poggi until March 15. (105 Malapaskan Ave., QC) // 929-3191

GALERIA DE LAS ILAS
Kalesa by Ana's Red Gallos until March 15. (171 Gervasio St., Mandaluyong, Manila) // 727-2113

LOST PROJECTS
Picture Assembly: A group show that explores photographs and collage until March 18. (104 Mia. Dyton St., Intramuros, Manila) // 527-2113

ART IN HOUSE AT THE PICASSO
The Xmas Pearl Entrance by Glenn Lagdameo until March 31. (1761 P. Leandro Street, Salcedo Vill., Makati) // 0917 8129463

FOOD

MAKATI SHANGRI-LA
Persian Delights at Circles Event Café: Indulge in an array of authentic dishes, flavored in a mix of spices influenced by South Asian cuisine. Lamb is served as the main starring dishes. Persian delights every Mon; Italian cuisine with hints Italiano every Tues; Filipino Fiesta every Wed; Indian cuisine every Thurs; Seafood Market every Fri; sweets and other barbecue favorites every Sat; and a hearty breakfast to start the day with Sunday Brunch. (Makati) // 813-8888

MISCELLANY

REASON AND IMPORTANCE OF KINARDESS
Seminar by John Walton and two factual workshop by the PMP Elite members of BAF & PMPO for UP Pintadenas. Feb. 22 at the Library Room of PMPTB and Pang Bongo at PMP Camp Crame (QC). For details: // 508-0334

PHL-KOREAN STUDIES SYMPOSIUM
Theme: *Strengthening Korean Studies in the Philippines* on Feb. 24, 8 am to 5:30 pm at the Bahay Kalinaw Conference Hall (UP Diliman, QC). // 926-5987

FCI ASIA AND PACIFIC SECTION DOG SHOW
The Philippine Canine Club Inc. will host the Federation Cynologique Internationale Asia and Pacific Section Show on Feb. 24-26 at the SM Convention Center (Mall of Asia Complex, Pasay). Among the events are the All-Breed Championship Dog Show; the FCI and Asian Kennel Union All-Breed Championship Dog Show; the FCI Asia and Pacific Section Dog Show and KBU All-Breed Championship Dog Show. Open to the public // 757-3008 loc 104 or visit www.pcci.org.ph

LOVE IN TEXT AND MOVEMENT
A healthy alternative to speed dating by Lodi Talentino and Rene Tamayao on Feb. 26, 1 pm at Penthouse of Robert L. Place (Ortigas ctr.) // 951-5.2952/630 or lbotes@yahoo.com

DON BOSCO'S CHARITY FUN RUN
Feb. 26, guestart at 6 am at key locations in Quezon Orientasyon in Manila, Novo in Laguna, Clark in Pampanga, San Jose in Nueva Ecija, Naga City and Legazpi City in Bicol. Registration is ongoing until Feb. 24 at any of the Don Bosco campuses. // 534-3622

FASHAYA: OCP OPEN HOUSE FESTIVAL
Showcases the Cultural Centre of the Phils. resident companies with the participating of regional cultural groups. Highlights an Ifonggan culture – music, cuisines, life and dance. Feb. 26, 9 am to 5 pm at all OCP locker venues and selected outdoor venues. See all you can eat P30. // 832-1125

POLYTECHNIC U. JOB ADVENTURE
Feb. 27 to 28. Kids to 6 yrs at the Newly Acuino Library and Learning Resources Center, Buhaygang Bulagtan (CCP Complex, Roxas Blvd.). // 718-7832 loc. 348 or oscc@pcc@yahoo.com

